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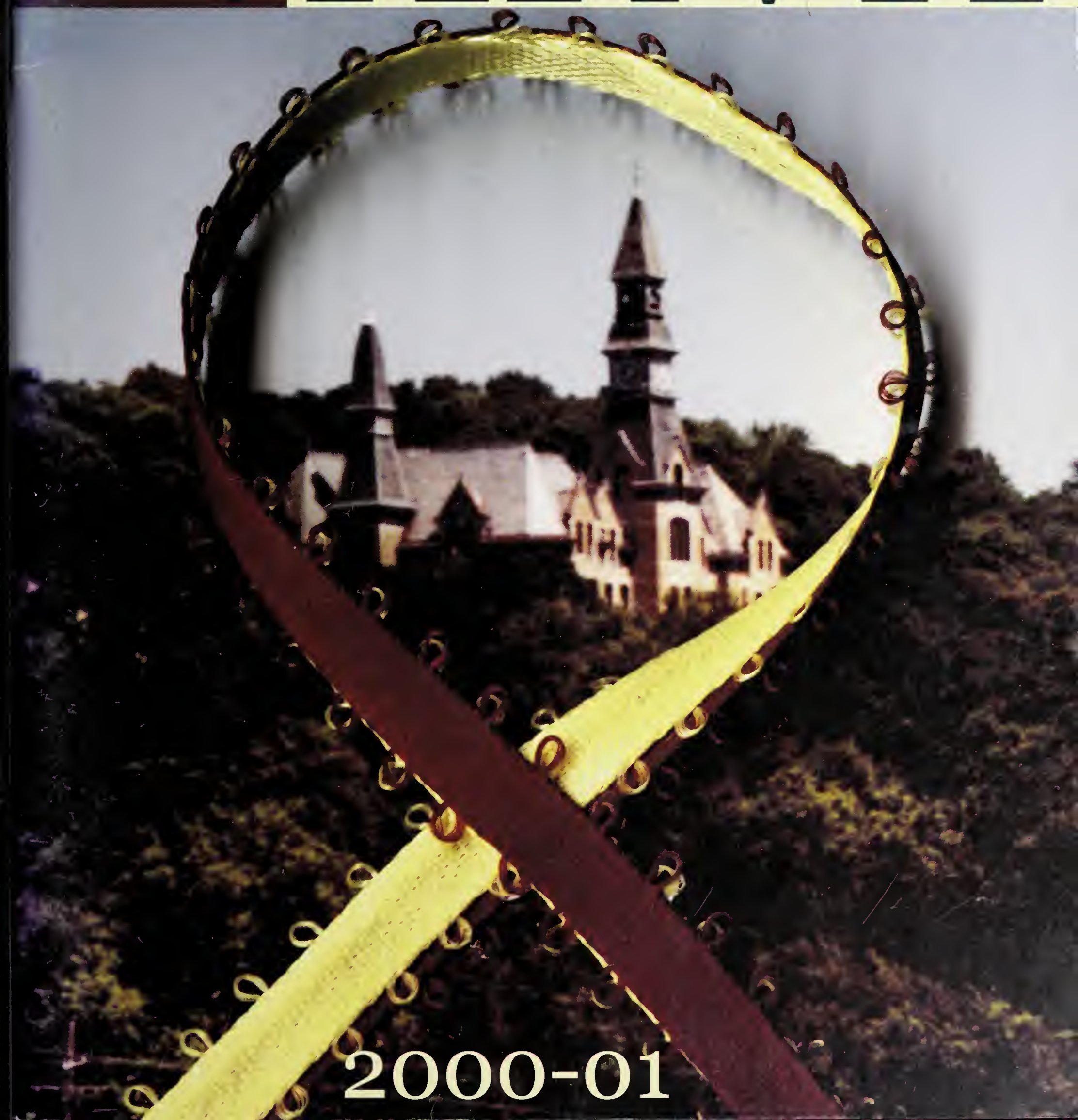

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Students take the dance floor during a benefit concert for a scholarship fund in memory of Cynthia Anderson, Melanie Meyer, and Jamie Hemingway. The marketing group of seven students from MA 351 raised $420 from their concert "Rockin with Reason".

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NEW PRESIDENT

Beverley Byers-Pevitts

By Sandy Bell and Ashley Rader

The first woman president in Park's 126-year history arrived this summer. Beverley Byers-Pevitts settled into the president's chair on June 1, 2001, ready to take Park to the next level.

"I just started and I already love Park," Byers-Pevitts told the Narva in early August. "This is such an interesting place with such great diversity. Park's strong foundation as a liberal arts institution has bridged the university as a global leader in higher education."

Sitting comfortably upright behind her polished mahogany desk, the 14th president has already garnished the office wall behind her with a variety of decorations ranging from an award from Harvard University to a sparkling tiara from "Miss Firecracker 1986" which she directed. Such diversity may be the key to Park's future.

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-President Beverley Byers-Pevitts

"Park has both a traditional and contemporary mission," Byers-Pevitts said, "which is appropriate for the changing world. It fits the contemporary style by allowing for the degree completion programs, and the Internet programs. It is my wish to take the university to the next level of academic excellence."

In 1999, Byers-Pevitts served as Interim President/Chief Executive Officer of Texas Woman's University, which has campuses in Denton, Dallas and Houston. She served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at TWU from July 1995 until June 2000. She also is a tenured professor of performing arts.

Byers-Pevitts earned her Ph.D. and M.A. degrees from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. She completed postdoctoral study at the Institute for Educational Management, Harvard University. Her Bachelor of Arts degree is from Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro.

Prior to her professional experience at TWU, she was the Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls; the Chair and Director of Graduate Studies of the Department of Theatre Arts, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and the Director of Speech and Drama at Kentucky Wesleyan College.

Byers-Pevitts has been widely published in literary journals and books. She also is an accomplished playwright whose works premiered nationally. Byers-Pevitts is still writing, and currently working on two new plays, which she began during a sabbatical last fall.

One of the plays is a legend about a witch set in the early 1800s. The other is a continuation of "Reflections in a Window," which was set in a retirement home, and was about a group of five women who would have never met outside the walls of the home. Her new play, also set in a retirement home, has a cast of both men and women.

Byers-Pevitts has received numerous awards and honors, including being named in 1999 by Texas Governor George W. Bush to the Governor's Commission for Women; the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival Award for Excellence; and the Outstanding Alumni Award from her undergraduate alma mater, Kentucky Wesleyan College. She and her husband were named joint recipients of the Distinguished Theater Alumnus Award for Outstanding Achievement as Artists/Administrators at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

Byers-Pevitts' record shows a close tie between professional membership and community service. She serves on the National Advisory Board for The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future, a division of the Smithsonian; and has served as a member of the Formula Advisory Committee to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and as a panelist and faculty member with the Leadership Institute for the Association for Theatre in Higher Education. She is the founding president of the Association for Theater in Higher Education.

Byers-Pevitts thinks of her management style as collaborative. "Everything that has to do with the university has to be focused on by the president," Byers-Pevitts said. "To make everything happen, you need lots of assistance form a team which works together."

But, she added, learning to balance your life to do that is the tricky part. Sometimes all the focus will be on the internal workings of the campus, while at other times she will shift focus to mainly external forces.

"I am really just learning how to accomplish this balance but I have already scheduled myself a weekend away in late October," Byers-Pevitts said. "I have to have personal time and reflective time in order to be the president this school deserves."

Leading Park
into the future

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-Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts

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Distinguished Administrator

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Clarinda Creighton

Applying compassion with service

By Ashley Rader

Fifteen years ago a young mother with five children wandered onto the Park University campus and saw something not everyone could. Clarinda Creighton saw potential.

"I fell in love with Park way before I even came to work here," Creighton said. "Everything smelled old. I have a fascination for older homes but my husband loves modern. So I thought if I can't have my house, at least I could have Park."

Creighton was hired in 1986 as a counselor for student support. "I remember my first day as clear as if it was yesterday," Creighton said. "I walked into my new office, which was in Copley, and a student was painting it. She was so friendly. There wasn't any air-conditioning but there was that warm smile. I knew then what a great place Park was going to be."

In the spring of 1987, Creighton began teaching as an adjunct in the Weekend/evening program and over the course of seven more years took various positions in student services. Then, in 1995, Creighton accepted the position of vice-president of enrollment and student advancement.

"Being vice-president basically put me in charge of everything in student services," Creighton said, "including housing, the academic support center, student development, disciplinary action, public safety, and the list goes on and on."

Creighton said her motto in life has been helping others. "The quote I always keep close to my heart is by Marion Wright Edelmann," Creighton said. "She said, 'Service is the rent we pay for living.' I think this captures everything I am and everything I strive to be. It is the secret to mine and Park's success."

As a vice president, Creighton has also maintained a course load in human services. "I like my administrative duties but I still love to teach," Creighton said. "Teaching keeps me connected with my students. It is my saving grace and makes my job worth it even more."

Creighton said there are many positive and negative aspects to her job, but the positive outweigh the negative at all times.

"My joyous moments are daily," Creighton said. "Everyday when a student learns something is when my mission and the university's mission is embraced. It is always about the individual and making something out of every individual who come our way.

"The most negative experiences in my job are when students and employees don't maximize their potential. They can infect the entire climate of the entire university."

One of the most difficult parts of Creighton's job is handling the many tragedies that have come Park's way including the deaths of students and faculty over the last 15 years.

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"We have seen a lot of tragedy," Creighton said. "It is horrible to know we will no longer be blessed with someone on this campus. Those times are hard to get through but we manage to persevere anyway. This is a blood and guts type of school. We stick together in the good and bad times."

Finding good help is not hard, according to Creighton, who said Judie Greer has been her life line. Greer, administrative assistant to the vice president, has been working with Creighton for the last five years and has been an employee of Park for over 25.

"Judie is an example of a group at Park that have been through it all," Creighton said. "She is always adapting and learning. Her caring for students shines through and it makes an absolute difference. If only we could bottle her."

Creighton said she sees many opportunities in the future and those will always include Park. "There is a season for everything in our lives," Creighton said. "Many things that happen to us happen by accident. In 1979, I envisioned by the time I was 50 I would be teaching full-time. I turned 50 last December and I never thought I would get this far.

"I am open to everything that comes my way. I always want to work with people in need and be in the center of that action."

COMFORT FIELD

Team has home ballpark

By Matt Kelsey

Mark Comfort walked around, shook hands and smiled all afternoon at the Park University baseball doubleheader on May 24. He was, perhaps, the happiest man in America at the time.

After all, the field upon which the Pirates were playing had just been named after him.

Comfort and the rest of his family, long-time contributors to university and friends of President Donald J. Breckon, were honored that day when Park's new baseball field was officially christened Comfort Field (above).

"I cannot tell you what a thrill this is for me to dedicate the field and name if after my friends, the Comforts," Breckon said at a ceremony prior to the games. "This field will be a major asset to the university as well as the city and the area."

Breckon said when the university was trying to find funds for the field a few years ago, he spoke with Comfort first.

"I knew of Mark's love for baseball and I wanted to see if I could sell Mark and Mimi on the idea of sponsoring the baseball field," Breckon said. "He accepted, and as you know, the rest is history."

The Comforts were each presented a Park baseball jersey with their name embroidered on the back (right) and a Park leather briefcase from athletic director Claude English.

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As the baseball team warmed up, Mark Comfort addressed the crowd. "I've never been at a loss for words," he said. "But when I tried to come up with something to say, I found there were no words to express how honored I feel right now."

The Pirates defeated Peru State in both games of the doubleheader.

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STYLUS NEWSPAPER

STAFF TAKES HOME 21 AWARDS

The Park *Stylus* brought home 21 awards from the Missouri College Media Association annual contest April 7 at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo. The newspaper finished third in the Best Overall Newspaper judging in its division.

The *Stylus* swept first place awards in the three main news writing categories — first place in News Writing went to Ashley Rader, first place in In-Depth News Reporting went to Sandy Bell and first place for Investigative Reporting went to Rader. Bell was awarded second place in Feature Writing. Anna Kasparian was awarded third place for Feature Writing. Rader won second place in the In-Depth News Reporting category.

Josh Park was awarded first place in the Sports Column category. Rick Collins won first place for Regular Column. Jeremy Walker won third place for Regular Column and Rader honorable mention.

Damian Blake won three first place awards in cartooning and graphics and second place for editorial cartoon.

Jessica Walker and Jenni Visala won honorable mention awards in photography categories. Juan Cabrera won honorable mention for Entertainment Review.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Students participate in 2001 MNEA Conferenc

Stylus/Education

-Photo courtesy Dr. Kathy Lofflin

The annual Missouri NEA Conference, held Feb. 16, 17 in conjunction with MNEA's Good Teaching Conference at the Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks, attracted a record 223 students from across Missouri.

Park participants from left to right are (front row) Lorraine Hightower, Melissa Bartlett, Melissa Witt, Angela Straubel, Briana Dawson, Julie Barcus, Amanda Brooks, Heather Fain; (back row) Melissa Carnes, Donna Collins, Missouri NEA President, Catherine Finch, Chairperson SAC, Pam Barker, Erica Floyd, Rayma Moburg, Dr. Kathy Lofflin, Jamie Bass, and Christie Morrison, national chairperson of the NEA Student Program.

Students who attended the conference had the opportunity to learn the latest in teaching strategies and network with teachers and other students across the state.

PIRATE RADIO KGSP

90.3 goes high tech

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KGSP Pirate Radio went full-throttle in 2000-01. Beginning the fall semester by upgrading their system to broadcast over the Internet, KGSP had the technical capacity to do much more than they ever thought.

Brad Baska (above left), one of the techs for the website and DJ, said, "Before we did this, on a good day, I think our listening audience was within two miles. With this, we can broadcast to someone in China."

KGSP also installed a web cam to give the listener an up close and personal view of the staff. "The web-cam is one of the best things we did," Miles Farmer (left), DJ, said. "Mostly because they actually can get involved in the show with us."

Steve Youngblood, the advisor for KGSP, got the whole thing rolling then was accepted for a Fullbright scholarship to teach in Moldova. He turned the radio station over to the sturdy hands of Robert Moore.

Moore, a 1995 Park graduate, took over the tedious role of teaching and advising KGSP while Youngblood was out of the country. Moore is a staff member KCUR 89.3 radio.

"I enjoy teaching," Moore said. "I enjoy working with the students and trying to give them some insight into the industry and what to expect."

According to most students, this year was one to remember. "It was definitely a learning experience," Baska said. "I think it went really well, and next year looks even brighter."

NOV. 9 2000

We will remember....

Photo taken at the International Dinner on Nov. 6, 2000

By Ashley Rader

Nov. 9, 2000 is a day many Park students, faculty, and staff will never forget. When the Park women's soccer team pulled out onto 9 highway early that morning, no one could have imagined what they would encounter in just a short few hours.

According to reports, four team members and third-year coach Jamie Hemingway, were traveling east on I-70 to St. Louis, Mo., when they apparently swerved to miss a semi-truck that intersected their path. The vehicle with the Park team hit an icy patch on the highway, rolled over and lost control, careening into the westbound lane where their Ford Explorer hit an oncoming vehicle head-on. The team was in route to play a semi-final NAIA Regional V game against the top-seeded team, Lindenwood University of St. Charles, Mo.

Freshman Cynthia Anderson, Melanie Meyer, and Hemingway were killed in the accident. Two other student players, Bridget Duhme, and Jennifer Miller, were injured and taken to a hospital in Warrensburg, Mo.; both were treated and released to their parents.

The week that followed pulled the Park community together. Candlelight vigils, funerals, memorial services, and group counseling also kept the campus busy throughout the most difficult days.

Maroon and gold ribbons were made in memory of Anderson, Meyer, and Hemingway which were worn by members of the Park family for months following the accident.

"I was so impressed in our ability to pull together," Clarinda Creighton, vice president for enrollment management and student services said, " and cope with such a devastating and heart-wrenching situation."

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Signs and balloons were left outside of campus at the entrance to 9 hwy.

As the days, weeks, and months passed the Park community headed down the long road of healing and closure.

"It hasn't been easy," Creighton said. "We are still healing and trying our best to do so without ever forgetting them."

Jamie Hemingway

Jamie Hemingway was the head coach of the Park University women's soccer team for three years. He was 29 when he died Nov. 9, 2000. He had previously coached for Fort Collins Force W-League women's team. He left a wife, Stacie Hemingway, who was a registrar at Park.

Coach Hemingway brought a new and distinct style of coaching to Park. "He was not only a good coach while here," Don. J. Breckon, Park University president, stated in an official memo, "but an excellent role model to his players. He was demanding of his players, and brought out the best in them, yet he was warm and caring off the field to all he met."

Off the field Hemingway was influential. "We were all in awe of his and Stacie's relationship," Clarinda Creighton, vice-president of academic affairs, said. "I am a romantic and watching him meet her for lunch and show his love for her in every way just made me remember those days of young love."

Hemingway left many fond memories in the hearts of the Park community. "Coach was always friendly," Erin Holt, Park student, said. "If you needed anything, he would do anything for you."

Besides a mentor, Hemingway was a talented soccer player. "He was always goofing around and playing soccer with us," Jenni Visala, women's soccer goalie, said. "He had moves in soccer we only dreamed we could do."

"Jamie was a fine young coach with a successful playing and coaching career before coming to Park," Breckon stated.

Hemingway's dreams outlived reality in life according to Visala, but his dreams will continue to be remembered. "He would always have huge plans for us," Visala said. "But they were always so big. We would try and try and push ourselves to do our best. I think we pleased him. We will always have him in the back of our minds in the future. We won't forget him."

-photos courtesy friends and family

Cynthia Anderson

Cindy Anderson, a freshman defender for the women's soccer team, died Nov. 9, 2000, at the age of 18. Cindy came to Park from Grimes, Iowa. She immediately became involved on campus where she served as a student ambassador and in student senate.

According to students, Cindy's confidence and attitude never failed to shine. "I remember one day," Jenni Visala, women's soccer goalie, said, "she walked in with these thick silver rimmed sunglasses just looking too cool. She was the first one to make a smart-ass comment. She always had a grin on her face."

Cindy was a resident of Chesnut Hall. "Cindy was the first to move onto my floor and the first to leave. Both girls were leaders, but Cindy was the loud leader. She was full of life," Shannon Turner, resident advisor, said.

Cindy cared about school, loved soccer, and enjoyed friends but according to classmates she cared about everyone she encountered. "She was strikingly beautiful," Ronie McBride, student, said. "I sat next to her in class and she didn't care that I was a non-traditional student. She had a real concern in how I was doing in class. It wasn't fake like you can tell when some people ask you how you are doing. She made me feel like she really cared."

Cindy will be missed by many on the Park University campus. But her memory remains strong. "Cindy simply made you laugh," Kim Vernon, sophomore, said. "She was carefree and never seemed to have weights on her shoulders. She will be missed."

-photos courtesy friends and family

Melanie Meyer

Melanie Meyer, a freshman defender on the women's soccer team, died Nov. 9, 2000. She was 18 from Independence, Mo. Her first semester at Park left a lasting impression on the Park community."

Melanie worked in the Thompson Center Galley serving others. "She was my sunshine in the morning," Clarinda Creighton, vice-president of academic affairs, said. "I would sneak away in the morning for my coffee and she was always there with a bright smile on her face and hot coffee for me."

Melanie's leadership qualities showed in a different way. "She was always quiet," Shannon Turner, resident advisor, said. "She was my quiet and strong leader. Everyone listened to what she said."

Melanie's spirit affected many in small ways but left memories. "I would always creep through the Galley on my way to my 9 a.m. class," Jenni Visala, women's soccer goalie, said. "Half asleep, I could see her smile and wave through the grated divider. It's hard to walk through there now and not have her peering through at me."

"She was an important part of this community and everyone who even encountered her will miss her," Creighton said.

-photos courtesy friends and family

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Team takes Park to NAIA National Championships

The 2001 Men's Volleyball team went farther than the program has gone in years. The team represented Park University all the way to the NAIA championships.

The team went 20-7 as conference champs and winners of the NIRSA national championships, and placed fourth in the NAIA championships.

"It was an exceptional year but I believe next year will be even better," Bertil Wamelink, head coach, said. "We are returning almost everyone and with a couple of new faces next year we can be stronger and take it all. The championship is within our grasp and next year we will do it."

Senior Amarpreet Cheema (far right) kills the ball against Graceland University resulting in a win 3-1. (right) De Juan Ware bumps the ball and (below) Junior Fabricio Texeira blocks the ball against Missouri Baptist College resulting in a 3-0 win.

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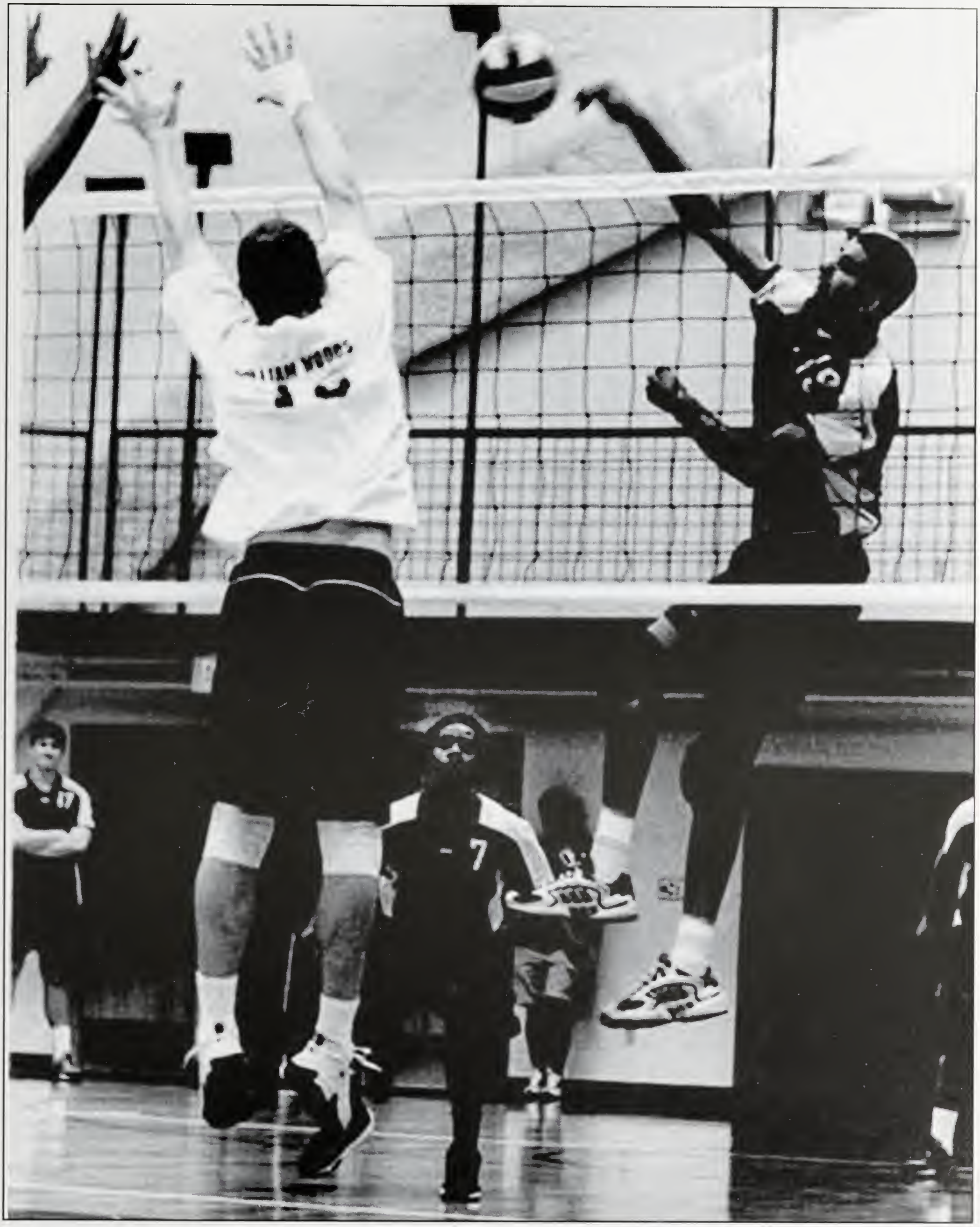
Narva Photo/Jenni Visala

Men's Volleyball Roster

Aaron Anderson	6-3	SO	Middle Hitter
Tim Banks	6-1	SO	Right Side Hitter
Osvaldo Barreras	6-5	JR	Outside Hitter
Jonathon Benson	5-9	SO	Defensive Specialist
Amarpreet Cheema	6-5	SR	Middle Hitter
Hermes DaSilva	6-7	FR	Middle Hitter
Skye Gosewisch	6-1	SO	Outside Hitter
Jeff Peterson	6-1	SO	Setter
Jason Richards	6-5	JR	Right Side Hitter
Ronald Van Rijn	6-2	FR	Outside Hitter
Gustavo Rocha	6-0	FR	Setter
Jeffery Savage	5-11	FR	Setter/Def. Specialist
Fabricio Teixeira	6-3	JR	Middle Hitter
DeJuan Ware	5-10	SR	Outside Hitter
Nathan Shurman	6-4	JR	Middle Hitter
Jason McGirr	6-4	FR	Middle/Outside Hitte



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team ends season 7-17

The Park University women's basketball team wrapped their season up Feb. 24, 2001, holding the record of 7-17. Before the final game they out scored their opponents in turnovers, second efforts, and points off the bench.

Junior Janiece Lyle (left), guard, takes the pressure in game against Newman University.

Freshman Priscilla Torto, forward, gets full-contact from another Newman player in the same game.

Bottom right, Junior Rashawn Gavion, guard, sinks a few throw after a foul against William Woods University.

Head Women's Basketball Coach Joe Meriweather pulls the team together in the last minutes of the NewmanUniversity game on Feb. 6, 2001 before Park was narrowly defeated in a score of 66-68

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

A season to remember...

Narva Photo/Jenni Visala

The Park University women's soccer team ended their season with a loss against the undefeated Lindenwood University in the NAIA Region V Semifinals. The women played a hard team, at a hard time.

The team was minus three vital members. On Nov. 9, 2000, en route to the season semifinals, one of the soccer vehicles lost control on a patch of ice and Coach Jamie Hemingway, and freshmen, Cindy Anderson and Melanie Meyer were killed.

The women's team decided to press on and play in the semifinals, if not for themselves, for the memory of their friends. Their 3-0 loss was a personal victory for the team, according to Jenni Visala, goalie.

"We played the best game we could," Visala said. "But our minds and hearts were still with them." The women ended their season 10-6-1.

Midfielder Stephanie Prater (far left) keeps control of the ball in game against William Woods University resulting in a 1-0 win.

Anderson (left) throws the ball in bounds during the Sept. 16, 2000 game against Missouri Baptist College tieing 2-2.

The Park University Women's Soccer team (bottom) gathers together in celebration of a win against Avila College 2-0. It was one of the last occasions the team was together before the tragedy.

Women's Soccer Roster

0	Bridget Duhme	FR	Goalkeeper
1	Jenni Visala	SO	Goalkeeper
2	Lisa Flood	FR	Defender
3	Keri Buhrman	SO	Defender
4	Helene Balmir	SO	Defender
5	Janie Benoit	SO	Defender
6	Jennifer Greco	SO	Midfielder
19	Marilyn Boucher	FR	Midfielder
8	Val Copenhaver	FR	Midfielder
9	Janice Huffman	FR	Midfielder
10	Pan Bedzrah	FR	Midfielder
12	Melanie Meyer	FR	Forward
13	Cynthia Anderson	FR	Forward
11	Jennifer Miller	SO	Forward
14	Jennifer Gibson	FR	Defender
15	Michelle Huddleston	FR	Defender
17	Tunde Nemeth	FR	Midfielder
16	Stephanie Prater	FR	Midfielder
22	Lisa Kerley	SR	Forward
20	Kier Troncoso	FR	Defender
21	Chrissy Angle	SR	Forward
18	Sylvia Naugayan	JR	Midfielder

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MEN'S BASEBALL

Sophomore baseball season ends 24-14

The 2001 Park Baseball team finished their second season 24-14 losing 8-2 to Kansas University on May 2, 2001. The team played their final games on the new Comfort Field dedicated April 23, 2001. Last season was the first for baseball at Park and the team finished below .500 at 23 - 24 in 2000.

"This year was an improvement," Head Coach Dan Backus said. "I see even greater victories in our future."

First baseman Anthony French (below) catches the ball before the opponent gets to the bag.

French (bottom) catches a throw from shortstop Josh Park.

Catcher Luis Lopez (right) blocks the plate against Peru State College.

Pitcher Eric Pelter (far right) delivers against Baker University March 30. Park won the doubleheader.

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Men's Baseball Roster

27	Brad Beale	SR	C
9	Aaron Brown	SR	3B
17	Travis Blair	SR	CF
5	Ryan Burdolski	JR	RHP
10	Aaron Chandler	JR	LHP
24	Anthony French	SR	1B
25	Jarrod Galle	JR	LHP
20	Nick Huff	JR	RHP
22	Dan Johnson	SO	C
8	Kevin Jones	SR	LF/LHP
4	Ryan Kiedrowski	SO	SS/2B
1	Luis Lopez	JR	C
44	Eric McClanahan	JR	OF
19	Steve Miller	SR	RHP/3B
11	Josh Park	JR	SS/2B
33	Eric Peltzer	SR	LHP
18	Ryan Pettyjohn	FR	3B
2	Nate Priest	JR	LHP
34	Nick Priest	JR	LF
12	Nick Rogers	JR	RHP
21	Ryan Sagstad	SR	RHP
16	Kyle Schneider	JR	RF

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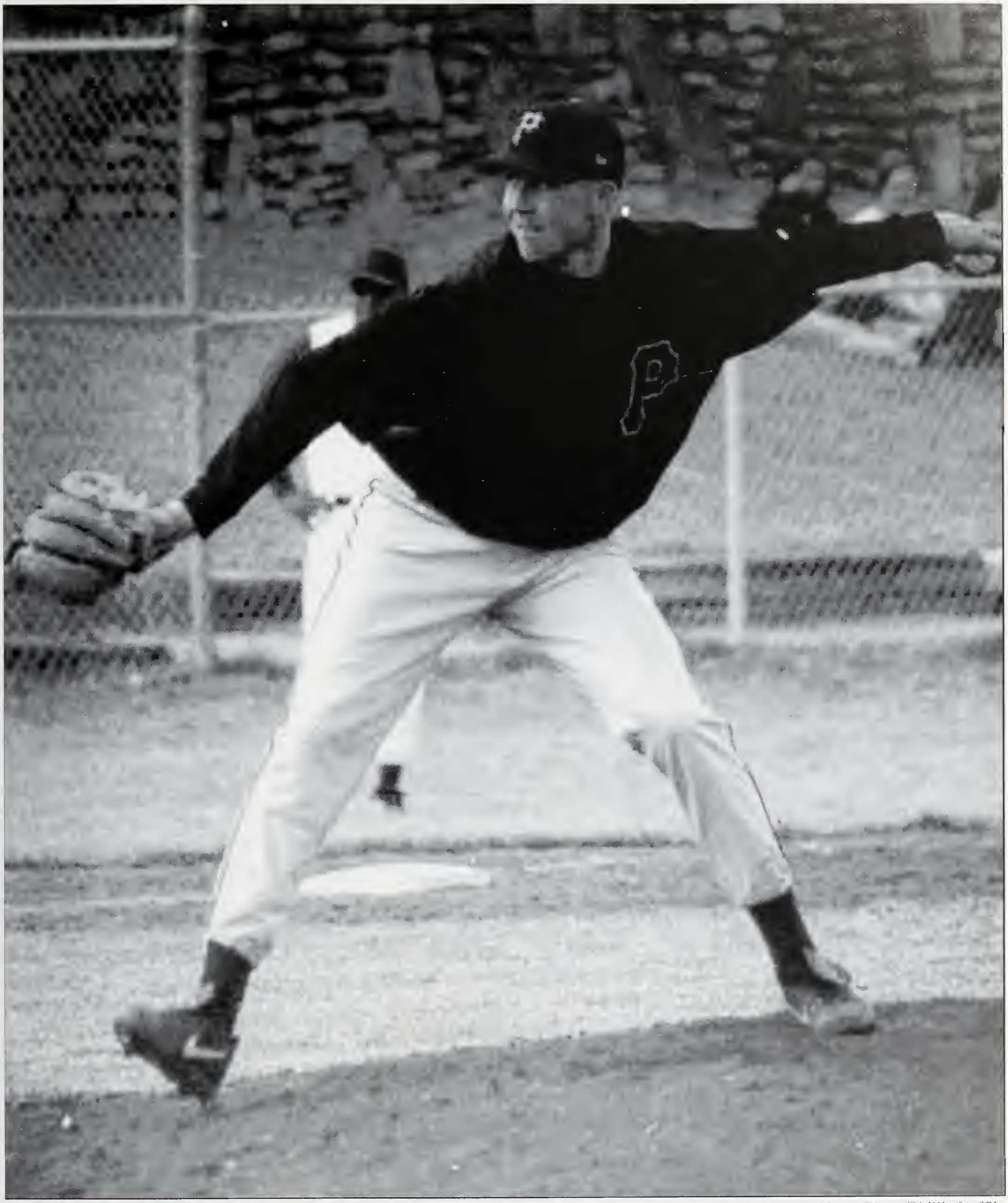

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Team looks towards future

"We just had a horrible month in January," Claude English, head coach, said. "But our defense through the rest of the season picked up. The boards were rebounded better. They began to share the ball better. They were just looking for that one extra pass on offense."

The Park University men's basketball team ended the season with a 16-15 record and, did not make the NAIA tournament because of independent standing. "Independents are not figured into the NAIA tournament," English said. "There are plans in the future for playoff games to make it possible."

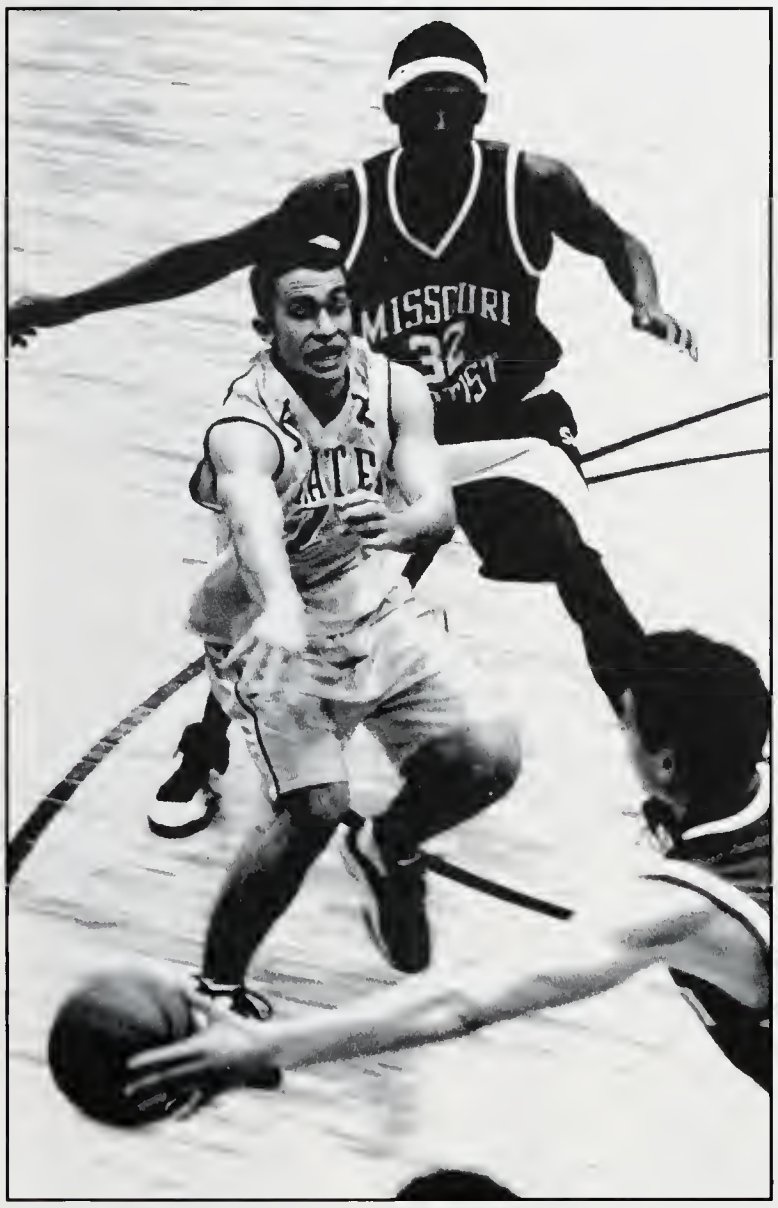
"We finished the season strong," English said. "And we are looking forward to an even better season next year."

Guard Monte Jones (left) attempts a two pointer against Missouri Baptist College.

Guard Kelly Kindall (below) receives double team action from Missouri Baptist College resulting in a 97-84 win for Park.

English (right) gives a last minute talk during the same game.

Leandro DaSilva (below right) shoots a free throw after a foul resulting in 1 more points for Park.



Men's Basketball Roster

1	Monte Jones	JR	Guard
2	Kelly Kindall	SO	Guard
3	Jeremy Roberts	SO	Guard
4	LeVar Turner	SR	Forward
5	Marvin Cash	JR	Guard
10	Zack Mills	JR	Forward
11	Collin Hamilton	FR	Forward
13	Willis Reed	SR	Guard
22	Leandro DaSilva	SR	Guard
23	Derek Stanley	FR	Guard
30	Marshall Collins	JR	Guard
31	Quincy Crutchfield	JR	Forward
32	Spencer Samu	FR	Forward
33	Brandon Cottrell	JR	Forward
35	Emmitt Hayes	SO	Guard
40	Dan Durrer	FR	Center
45	Milos Colic	SR	Center
55	Laurens Jan Bulthius	FR	Center

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Team achieves goal of record above .500

"My goal was to go .500 or better for the first season," Peggy Tutor, Park University women's volleyball head coach, said. They did just that, finishing the season at 18-18.

"I think, barring injuries, we could have had a better season," Tutor said. "It seemed like any time we were playing well, we would have to lose one of our top players to injury. I think we played a lot better than our record shows."

The Pirates have three graduating seniors this year: Danielle Wade, Jeanine Hermann, and Angela Lang. Tutor emphasized the girls' presence will be missed, but a good crop of younger players will be moving up to fill the roles.

The squad devises a plan of attack (left) for opponent Pittsburgh State resulting in a 3-1 loss.

The team gathers together (below) for a few minutes of pep talk from Tutor.

Outside Hitter Danielle Wade (right) serves the ball to Columbia University. Park lost the match 3-0.

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Women's Volleyball Roster

Danielle Wade	SR	Outside Hitter
Jessica Silliman	FR	Outside Hitter
Gabriel Tillman	SO	Outside Hitter
Nyala Cheirs	SO	Right Side Hitter
April Savage	FR	Defensive Specialist
Erin Hillegas	FR	Outside Hitter
Angela Lang	SR	Middle Blocker
Kim Vernon	SO	Middle Blocker
Erin Holt	SO	Setter
Jeanine Herrman	SR	Defensive Specialist
Tiffani Theiss	JR	Setter/Outside Hitter

MEN'S SOCCER

Team finishes season with 10-6-1 record

The 2000 Men's soccer team finished their season at Columbia College in Columbia, Mo., Nov. 8 winning the NAIA Region V playoffs 2-1 in double overtime. The team finished with a record of 10-6-1.

Simon De'ath, sophomore forward, (below) battles over the ball in game against National American University resulting in a 4-3 win in overtime for Park.

Mike Heuze, freshman defender, (bottom right) head bumps the ball against the same team.

Marco Lauman, freshman defender (right), swings back for a long kick against Doane College resulting in a 5-0 win on Sept. 2.

Felipe Feunmayor, senior goalkeeper, finds himself in a cluster of William Woods University forwards as he defends the Park University goal resulting in a 2-0 win for Park.

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Team finishes 15-14

The Park women's softball season came to a close on April 28, 2001, with a record above 500 of 15-14 at the CMSU tournament.

Michelle Faulconer, freshman infielder, (left) waits on base for a run.

Sylvia Naungayvan, junior outfielder, (below) slides into second base.

Tammy Hale, junior infielder, (bottom) snags a low throw in game against Avila College resulting in a 7-6 win.

Andrea Sola, senior pitcher, (right) throws the ball in for a strike.

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Women's Softball Roster

Danielle Ackley	FR	IF/OF
Rebecca Baldwin	JR	1B
Heather Bowman	FR	OF
Jodi Carl	SO	IF
Jessica Clarke	FR	OF
Krystal Davey	SR	2B
Michelle Faulconer	SR	C/3B
Sherry Faulconer	FR	P/IF
Rachelle Heath	FR	IF
Sylvia Naungayvan	JR	C/OF
Angela Russell	JR	P
Michelle Shoemaker	SR	OF
Andrea Sola	SR	P/OF
Stacey Tarpley	SO	P

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TRACK

The Park University women's track team, led by senior and six-time NAIA All-American Mikki Massey, finished their season tenth at the NAIA National Championships in Abbotsford, British Columbia, May 24-26. As a team, Park University scored 32 points; Park gained 10 of those points when Massey won the women's marathon on Saturday, leading the thirty-one runner field with a time of three hours, five minutes and eleven seconds. The time was also a new school record for Park.

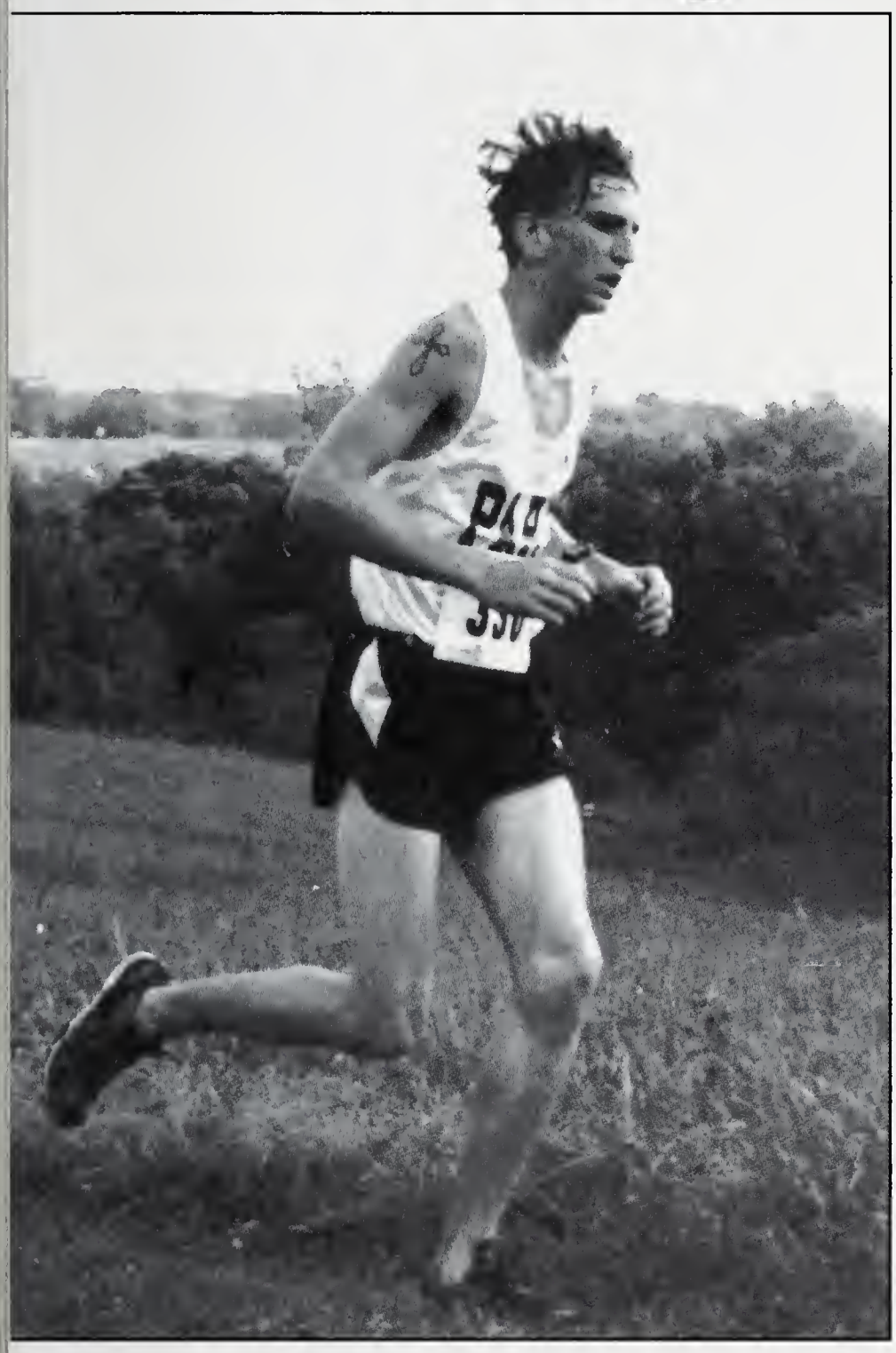
All-Americans Reagan Mackey, a freshman from The Bahamas; Keisha Robb, a freshman from St. Catherine, Jamaica; Veronica Brown, a freshman from Orlando, Florida; and Crystal Bethel, a sophomore from Nassau, The Bahamas, teamed up to score points in the 4x100 and 4x400 meter relays. Robb finished fourth in the 200-meter dash in 24.43 seconds; Bethel took fifth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 56.14 seconds.

For the men's program, freshman Mabior Atem from Kansas City, Mo., was the lone representative. He finished fifth in the 1500-meters, running an All-American time, but was disqualified on a technicality.

Okeefe Richards (above) 4-by-4 runner prepares for the starting gun at the KU relays.

Cross Country

Running towards a goal



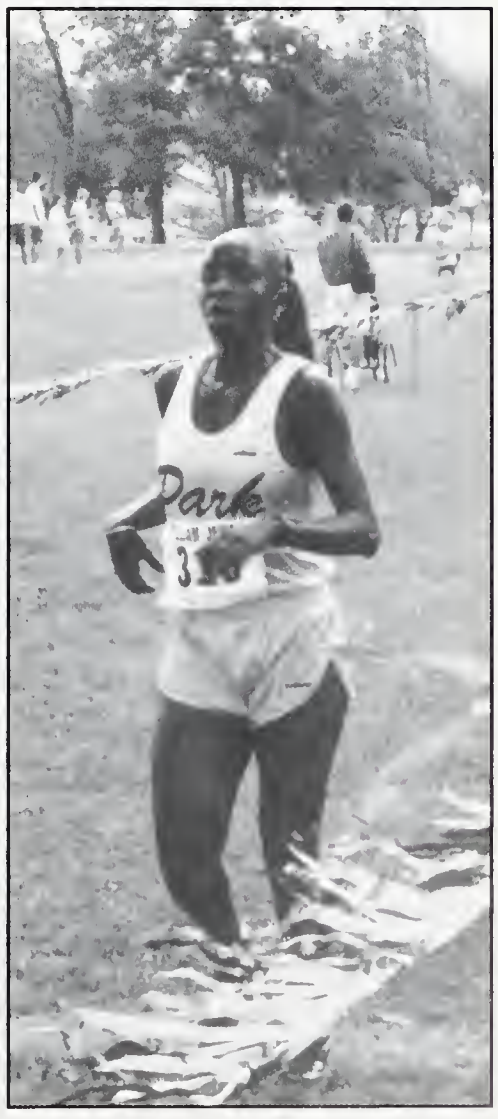
The Park University Cross Country team combined old and new runners to bring the team to a new level in 2000.

Shannon Turner, a sophomore distance runnner from Alamogordo, N.M., earned a place at the NAIA National Championship Cross Country meet when she finished ninth in the NAIA Region V meet in St. Louis, Mo., November 4. Turner completed the 5,000 meter course in 20 minutes, seven seconds; it was her third-best race of the season. Turner competed against top runners from the United States and Canada at the NAIA National Championship Meet on Saturday, November 18, in Kenosha, Wisc.

Freshmen Danel Atem and Joey Mumma will also compete at Nationals, representing Park University men's cross country. Atem ran the 8,000 meter regional course in 28 minutes, seven seconds; Mumma finished the run in 28 minutes, 20 seconds. The regional meet for men's cross country was also held in St. Louis, Mo., on November 4.

Coach Brian Renshaw (below) gives a helping hand to his runners as they round a difficult corner of William Jewell Invitational course. Jason Stary (left) placed 35 at the same invitational.

Jessica Ferguson (bottom right) strides through the finish line to place highest for Park University at the William Jewell Invitational at 13.



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AMARPREET CHEEMA

Park's hidden superstar

By Ashley Rader

When Amarpreet Cheema traveled across half the earth from Chandigarh, India four years ago, no one knew the Michael Jordan of India was in their midst. Cheema's low profile was his key to success and happiness. "I wanted to start over," Cheema said. "I didn't want anyone to know me. I wanted to be someone besides that really good volleyball player."

Cheema's mother is the Indian National Women's Volleyball coach and taught Cheema the sport from a young age. "Yeah, I used to be the ball boy," Cheema said. "I was always more into basketball but my mom saw something else. She insisted I play volleyball because I had the talent for it. So I played both sports."

Cheema went from the ball boy to one of the top ranked men's volleyball and basketball players in India before he even reached 18. "I was one of the best," Cheema said. "But I didn't want to live there or play sports in India anymore."

Making a career in athletics is not the same as in United States, according to Cheema. "There is no money in sports in India," Cheema said. "They are all really corrupt. It's not a place to pursue an athletic dream much less any dream at all."

After years of being one of the most elite athletes in the country, Cheema made a decision to pursue what he had always wanted.

"My dream was to come to America," Cheema said. "My parents didn't want me to come; they still don't want me here. I wanted to see something besides India. I wanted more opportunities, and I didn't want to play sports in India for the rest of my life."

Cheema's dream was more than realized when he was accepted to Brooklyn University in New York. "I had to travel two hours just to get to school because I lived in Queens but went to school in Brooklyn," Cheema said. "Everything is so fast paced there. With 27,000 students, I never knew anyone."

Cheema attended Brooklyn U. completely without athletic scholarship. He didn't even plan to play volleyball until one day he decided to try out for the team. "The coach asked me if I could play," Cheema said. "I told her I could play alright. I only had to try out for 10 minutes and I played every game after that. I was the MVP."

After leaving Brooklyn University due to expenses, Cheema attended school at a community college in Pennsylvania before he was recruited to play volleyball for the Park University team three years ago. Cheema has been a key player on the Park squad and will be exploring new opportunities on the men's basketball team in the fall.

"I love all the players and the coach," Cheema said. "Without them I wouldn't still be here. They have made my life here much better than I ever could have imagined."

Cheema said Park also has more to offer him than athletics. "I really like Park and the mid-west because it is so peaceful," Cheema said. "There is so much space. I love taking walks on the nature trails and especially seeing deer on campus. It is wonderful."

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The adjustment to American lifestyle, according to Cheema, has been an enlightening one. "In India, everyone is the same. We always saw studio images of what Americans looked like but that wasn't even true," Cheema said. "Everyone here is so different but nobody even notices how different they are."

Cheema has been away from home for four years and has only returned to India twice. "I miss them sometimes," Cheema said. "I love being independent but I miss the fights too. I only get to go home every two years. It is so expensive. The flight alone costs $2000 and of course everyone wants me to bring stuff back. I just can't afford to see them that often."

Cheema will graduate in Dec. 2001 with a degree in business management and said he sees the future as a bright place for him. "I plan to work a couple of years," Cheema said. "Then probably go to graduate school. As long as I get to stay in the States or even in Europe, I'll be happy. I can't go home for financial reasons anyway. I did the math. To pay off my student loans alone in India it would take over 400 years. Not very many people make over $1000 a year. Going home just isn't an option emotionally either. I have seen too much of the rest of the world to go back."

JENNI VISALA

A student far from home

By Sandy Bell

Perched high among the bleachers of Julian Field, the grass spreads before your eyes. Twenty players chase a white ball across the 100-yard meadow. The ball changes possession several times before either team gets within range of the goalie. Dressed in black from head to toe, the goalie stands poised, ready to face Number 23 rushing toward her, dribbling the ball between her feet. Racing with only six yards of open field between her charging legs and the goalie, Number 23 sends the ball flying. The black clad goalie sails through the air, landing hard on her side. She picks herself up triumphantly, the ball cradled in her arms.

"There's nothing better in soccer than saving a really good shot," Jenni Visala, Park University women's soccer goalie, said. "Everybody thinks the other person's going to score and you're able to save it.

"I know my limits because I've played for so long. I know what I can and can't do. If you want to save the ball, you just do it. It's about will."

'If I could choose I would just take photos of sports. For right now, that's how I feel. Then again my plans change every two years anyway.'

-Jenni Visala

Visala began playing soccer in her native Finland in the seventh grade. While playing for a local ringette team, an ice hockey sport for women, two girls from a local soccer team joined. They needed a goalie for their soccer team and saw prospects in Visala, the ringette goalie. Tagging along with the girls Visala trotted into a sport that has shaped her life.

"Soccer just happened to me, it wasn't something I really wanted," Visala said. Nonetheless, soccer paved Visala's way to travel 4,783 miles, half-way around the globe, to Parkville, Mo. She left Valkeakoski, Hameenlaani, Finland in August, 1999, and less than a day later found herself on the Park University campus. She was the new women's soccer goalie. A year-and-a-half later, still at Park, her focus has changed again, this time from soccer to academics.

While planning only to stay at Park until the winter break, Visala found herself back at Park the next semester. "I passed my classes and stayed for spring," Visala said. "Now I have a major I like, and I can see my future. I'm here for school more than soccer. It doesn't mean that soccer isn't a big part."

Soccer never was the major part for Visala. "I never really liked soccer," Visala said. "Ringette is what I like the most. I liked soccer because I liked the people, and I grew into it.

"My parents never took me to play any sports," Visala said. "They never told me not to, and they never took me to play anything. Whatever happened was because my friends went. It was what I wanted to do, and my parents let me."

After ninth grade, Visala had to choose to continue with a traditional academic high school, or attend vocational school. She liked working with her hands, so she chose vocational-technical courses. For the next five years, Visala attended two vo-tech schools: Rauman Merenkulku-Oppilaitos and Rauman Merenkulku-Oppilaitos. In 1998, Visala had graduated with three occupational degrees: seamanship, painting, and woodworking.

"From there I didn't want to go to school anymore," Visala said. As usual, those plans were subject to change. "In 1999, I decided I would go play soccer in Jyvaskyla for the summer. Then, in March, I signed papers to attend Park."

In late March, an accident gave her plans a twist. "The day before I was supposed to move to Jyvaskyla, I broke my ankle. It was a hit straight at your face," Visala said, explaining how she felt about her broken ankle. "The team I was going to go play for was really good. I was ready, and really wanted it."

Although she couldn't practice, she still hung out with the team in Jyvaskyla. "It's how you think about it. You were going to play, and then you can't. Of course, it's hard for you," she said.

"When you accept it, you get over it, and start to enjoy just being. The players were really friendly and accepted me, considering I couldn't play. It turned out to be a pretty good thing."

When Visala received the letter about Park from a sports talent agency she thought the university sounded like fun. Several Finnish girls who had gone to the U.S. to play soccer gave positive feedback.

"I talked to my Mom," Visala said, "and she was like, 'I

don't think college is for you.' It wasn't for me at home, it is the last thing I wanted to do." Her mother was supportive, however, and helped with written applications, which had to be filled out in English.

"I don't know how much she believed, or my dad, that I would come here, if I had the chance," she said, "if I had the courage to come." Visala had the courage to come to the U.S., and stay after an injury early in her first season put her on crutches. She also jumped through hoops to get to Park.

Michael Hernandez, director of International Students at Park University, sent paperwork for a student visa to Visala. The package was lost in the mail. Visala called Jamie Hemingway, late Park University women's head soccer coach, and he immediately sent another. After receiving the second package of information, Visala sent papers to the U.S. Embassy.

"It was so complicated," Visala said. "I needed to take care of my paperwork coming to the U.S. in Helsinki. I was constantly traveling because it was so messed up.

"I ended up missing papers for the visa and had to go to Helsinki and give them the papers. Then I had to pick it up. It was two days before I left, and I had to get a ticket. To get a ticket without a visa... It was a mess.

"When I was in the plane I could not believe I was actually sitting there, because it seemed like it wouldn't happen. Then when I came here the first days were so confusing. I don't even remember our first practice."

Leaving home was harder than she thought. "I cried," Visala said. "My parents drove me to the airport, and I was so worried. It was my first time flying alone, and I had to change flights in Toronto.

"I was carrying two big bags, and a backpack, and sweating," Visala said. "I was like 'Where the hell should I go?' I realized after I got here, I didn't have any phone numbers. If I would have missed the flight what would I have done? I was at the terminal 10 minutes before we left. It was close."

Hemingway, and Scott Bowen, Park University assistant coach, met Visala at the gate in Kansas City.

The next morning, as if in a blur, Visala enrolled in classes. "There was so much stuff going on, I was confused," she recalled. "I didn't have time to think about anything."

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Visala started the season with a metal plate in her ankle, which would later be removed for her second season. "It bothered me, but not a lot of people knew about it," she said of her freshman season.

"The level they play here and we play at home, if you want to win, if you really truly want to win, you win. It's not about talent. The team who wants to win, wins."

"The first few weeks went by pretty fast," Visala said. "Then I started to miss home. Then I got injured and couldn't play for three weeks, and that was a really hard time. I came here to play. I couldn't play, I couldn't practice. I couldn't do anything, I was on crutches. I was ready to go home. For some reason I didn't. Maybe I was too embarrassed. Maybe I wanted to finish the year.

Finishing the year lead to personal discovery. While sports still remain a big part of Visala's life, she now has a major she loves and she enjoys the traditional school environment. Visala is majoring in photojournalism.

"When I graduate from here I'm going to go home to Finland and work," she said. "Even though I really like being here, home is home and that's where I want to be.

"If I could choose I would just take photos of sports. For right now, that's how I feel. Then again my plans change every two years anyway."

Making Art a lifestyle

By Ashley Rader

Ronie McBride had art in her blood, a taste for success, and compassion in her eyes since birth. But getting to the finish line has taken years of tragedy and triumph.

"My mother left when I was six," McBride said. "I am pretty sure my father thought I was a boy most of my life. I practically raised my sister. We even lived in a tent for six months. We had so much fun."

After growing up under what some may consider unusual circumstances, McBride worked to achieve many of her goals. Receiving her associates degree from Penn Valley Community College in graphic design, McBride became a graphic designer at Signco, Inc., while still pursuing many of her other artistic endeavors.

"I have done everything from photography for the last 10 years," McBride said, "to all types of art work including computer graphics, to even my own personal crafts like jewelry and stepping stones. I was even a wedding coordinator for awhile."

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-Ronie McBride

After working for seven years as a graphic designer and putting together a photography show of her own at the Kansas City, Kansas Community Libraries, McBride said returning to school to receive her bachelor's degree was the change she needed and Park was the answer.

"I chose Park specifically because of small class sizes," McBride said. "Since I was coming back to school after being out for so long I didn't want to be in a class with 1500 students and a T.A. grading my papers. I wanted the attention I was paying for."

Thirty-three year old McBride had many challenges including a husband and active family life to meld with her new school lifestyle. "My husband cooks, cleans, leaves me alone when I need to study," McBride said. "He has been understanding with my dreams and isn't jealous with me making new friends. He knows I love him and enjoys watching me grow. There isn't much time for the regular student activities. I do as much as I can but I try my hardest just to be a good friend to the people I have met here."

McBride is currently pursuing a double major in Fine Arts and Graphic Design while continuing to work part-time as a graphic designer. McBride said she knows art is something she will never want to stray from.

"Art is more of an internal motivation," McBride said. "It's not an occupation. It's a lifestyle. My favorite place in the world is an art gallery. Even since the sixth grade, I couldn't get enough of it. It's just not something you choose. It's something in your soul."

McBride recently participated in a study abroad program with other art students by traveling to Italy for 10 days. "We got to see so many things in such a short time," McBride said. "It was so beautiful to see the art I studied for so long in person. I cried when I saw Michael Angelo's 'David'. It was overwhelming but an experience I wish everyone could have."

McBride plans to return to Park after her graduation in May 2002 to achieve her K-12 teaching certificate. McBride said she specifically wants to work with less fortunate children and bring art appreciation to a new level.

"Kids never get the proper role models," McBride said. "If I can make a difference through children by showing them art, there's nothing better in the world."

Teaching also satisfies some of McBride's emotional needs, she said. "It is also a trade off for me since I haven't been able to have children," McBride said. "My husband and I would love to be foster parents someday, but if I can be a parent in the classroom, I feel great."

As a non-traditional student, McBride said she hasn't slowed down since birth. "I am only 33 years old," McBride said. "Some people may see that as too old to be starting a second career but life is too short to do the same thing for 60 years. I want to do as much as I can with the time I have."

McBride says she feels she has learned many things over her years but the biggest lesson she learned was how to give back. "I learned a long time ago that high salaries are not what life is about," McBride said. "We are all on this earth to help others. I wanted to be the CEO of IBM at one time but I realized there is only one Bill Gates in a lifetime, but there are heroes everyday. Life is not a bed of roses but we all can make it better by just sharing our knowledge and our hearts."

JUSTIN KUDER

Taking Work-Study to new heights

By Ashley Rader

When Justin Kuder saunters around the Formica desk at the Parkville City Hall not many would guess him to be attending school right across Julian Field. Active in several activities on campus including theatre and winning the most prestigious work-study award in the state, Kuder has redefined the role of the non-traditional student.

When Kuder decided to return to college in fall 1999 he had many choices in front of him, but Park University was his decision. After attending Kansas University for three years then taking five years off and a year at Johnson County Community College, a different type of education was in his sights. "For me, Park may not have the prestige of somewhere like UMKC but it's the education that stands out," Kuder said. "It's really a trade off but prestige can only carry you so far and an education can last forever."

After enrolling at Park, Kuder was awarded work-study hours but didn't find many jobs on campus to be appealing or rewarding for his goals. After some suggestions to try working off campus at City Hall, Kuder discovered an opening and pursued an interview.

Kuder was hired to take over sewer billing for Parkville on a part-time basis. "I literally cut the time the city collector had to spend in half," Kuder said. "They finally had someone that could focus solely on this huge job and give it one hundred percent."

Kuder found the work-study to be the best solution for his busy schedule. "I have no set schedule," Kuder said. "This helps so much with my studies. I found working other jobs really cut into my class time but with this job I can double up one week and then take a week off to study for finals. There is nothing better for a college student."

But Kuder said he believes he got more out of city hall than a paycheck. "The political process is quite an experience," Kuder said. "For good and bad, I have gained the essential basic city knowledge that is useful in almost every profession. It created a better understanding for me of the city and country we live in."

Kuder's excelled at city hall and was nominated by his employers for the Missouri State Student Employee of the Year, which he won on April 4, 2001. Kuder was also named the Park student employee of the year and was selected by the Midwest Association of Student Employment Administrators for the state award. This was the first time Park University has nominated a student to the state competition.

"I was extremely honored and flattered," Kuder said. "Winning the award wasn't the best part, it was just icing on the cake. The fact that at least three city officials that I know of took time out of their extremely busy schedules to nominate and recommend me meant so much."

The employees are judged on reliability, quality of work, initiative/judgment, disposition, job knowledge and uniqueness of contribution.

"I take a lot of pride in my work ethic," Kuder said. "I still don't really understand the fuss, but I guess it is because my ethics are above a lot of other people. I am just really detail oriented and like my integrity to carry over into everything I do."

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> *-Justin Kuder*

Kuder balances his city hall position while pursuing a major in accounting and a minor in theatre. "Sounds funny doesn't it?" Kuder said. "But I have a passion for both so why not?"

Kuder also remains active in Park theatre productions including his past roles in *Ten Little Indians, A Company of Wayward Saints, The Tenor*, and *You Can't Take it With You*.

"Theatre forces you to deal with people on and off stage," Kuder said. "Theatre, like public speaking, puts you in a position of being on display for others. It can either destroy you or make your confidence soar. If you can embrace it you can take away the skills it brings you."

With a planned graduation in May 2002, Kuder says his future is bright. "I have been exploring many options after graduation," Kuder said. "But I would really like to pursue merging my major and my minor by possibly doing accounting for a theatre company or something like that. But I'm not picky. I would actually just like a job in general."

After his many years between three schools and a five-year hiatus, Kuder says he has learned many lessons and the future is a different place than it was 10 years ago.

"I have a general map for the future but I don't have one that says take Route 7 for 11.2 miles and turn right on I-49," Kuder said. "I can't be that rigid. I want to stop and smell the roses and be able to bend with the road instead of breaking at a sharp turn. Life doesn't work around plans I have discovered. I think my life would be in a very different place had I been able to do this earlier. Flexibility is the key."

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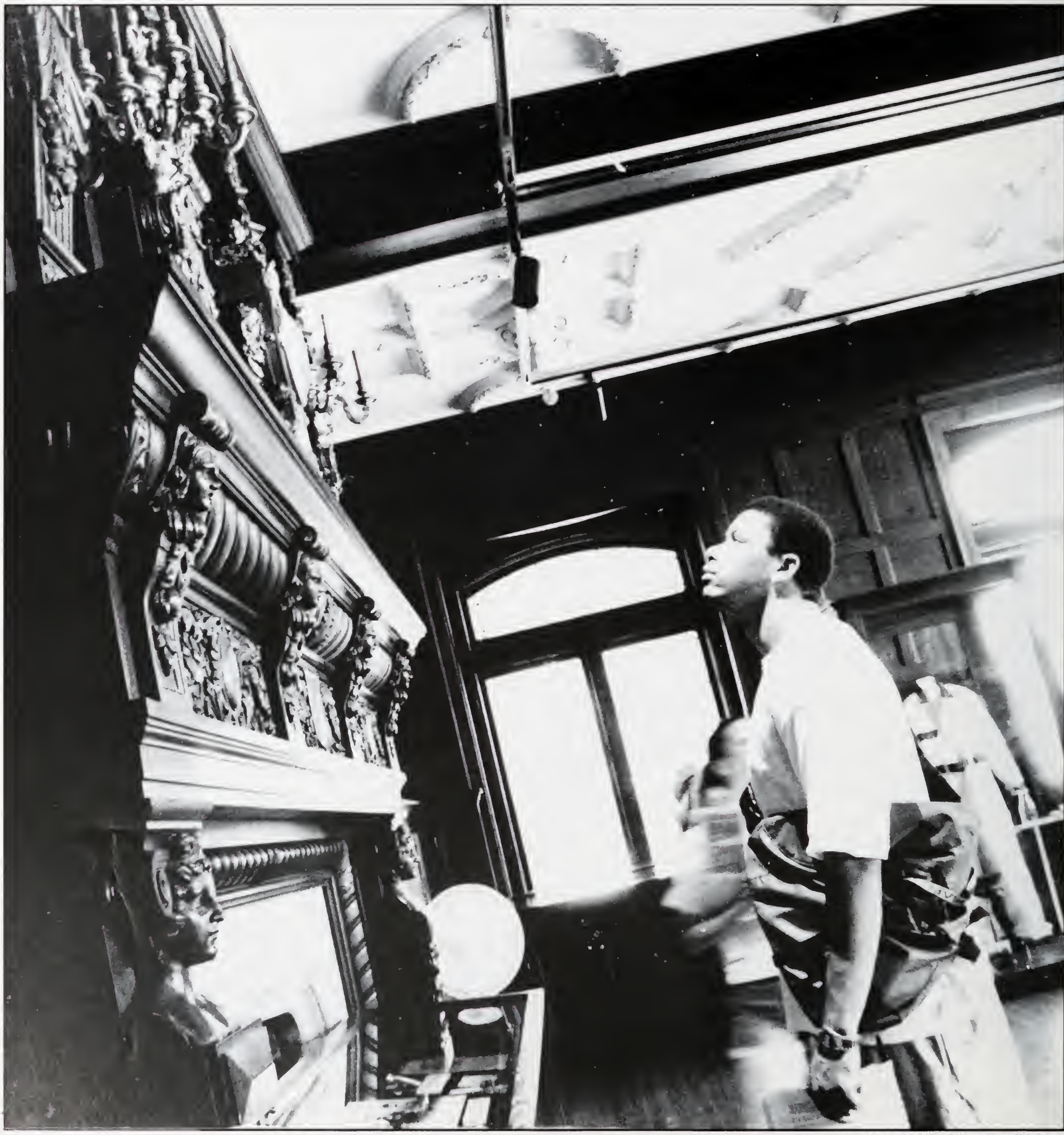
Seeing history beyond the textbook



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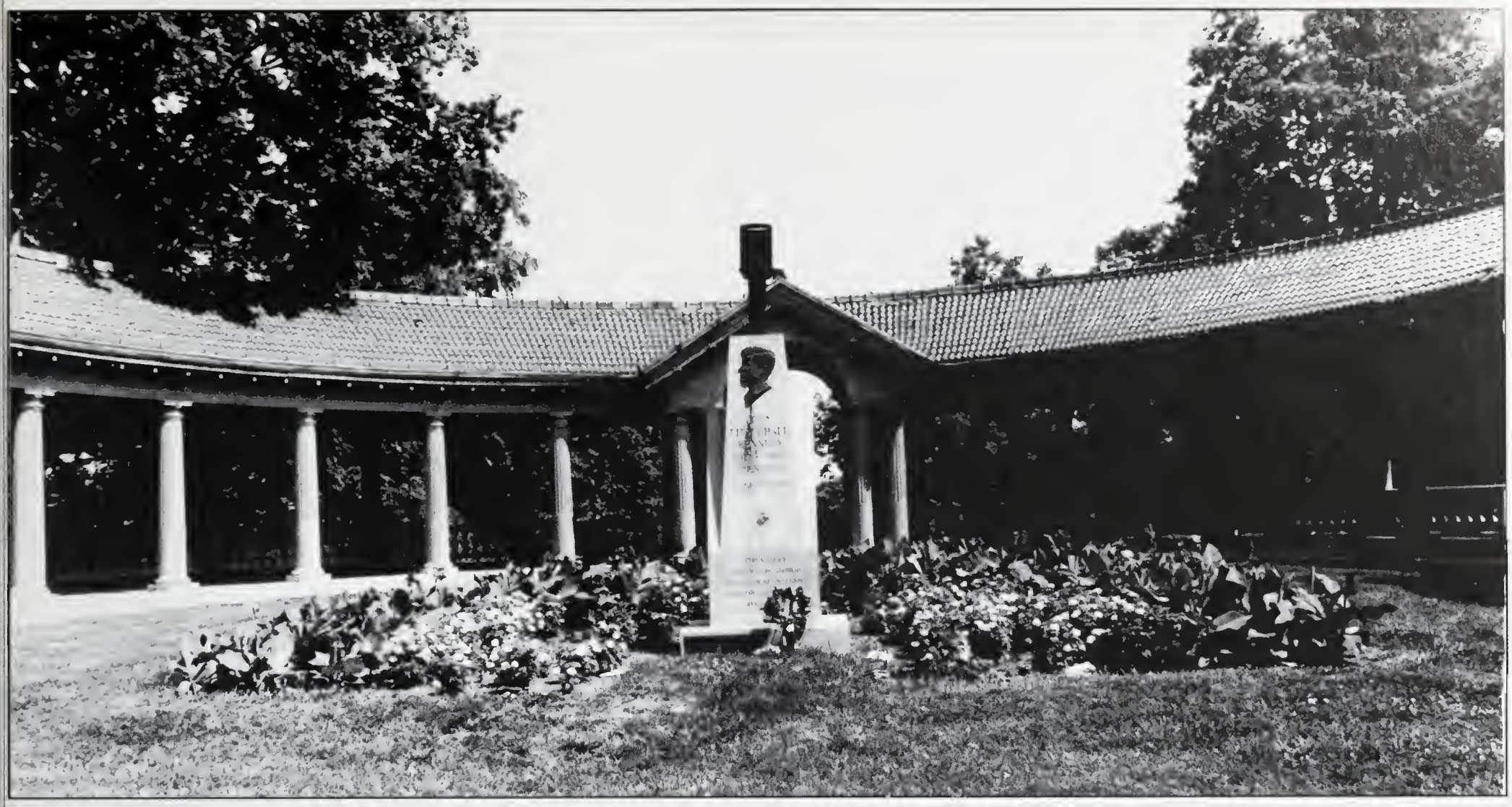

By Ashley Rader

From the wagon train to the light rail, Kansas City has seen over 150 years of changes. Dr. Ron Miriani's Kansas City in the Heartland course takes students beyond the history lesson and into the heart and soul of a city.

The appeal lies within the fieldwork, according to Mirani. "This has been the best class I have taken at Park," Kristin Peterson (right) said. "I like that we don't sit in a lecture hall but get out and see the community."

Developed over 10 years ago, this course requires students to see all stages of Kansas City and how they apply to the rest of the world. "My motivation for teaching this course stems from the city history we already teach," Mirani said. "Because we live

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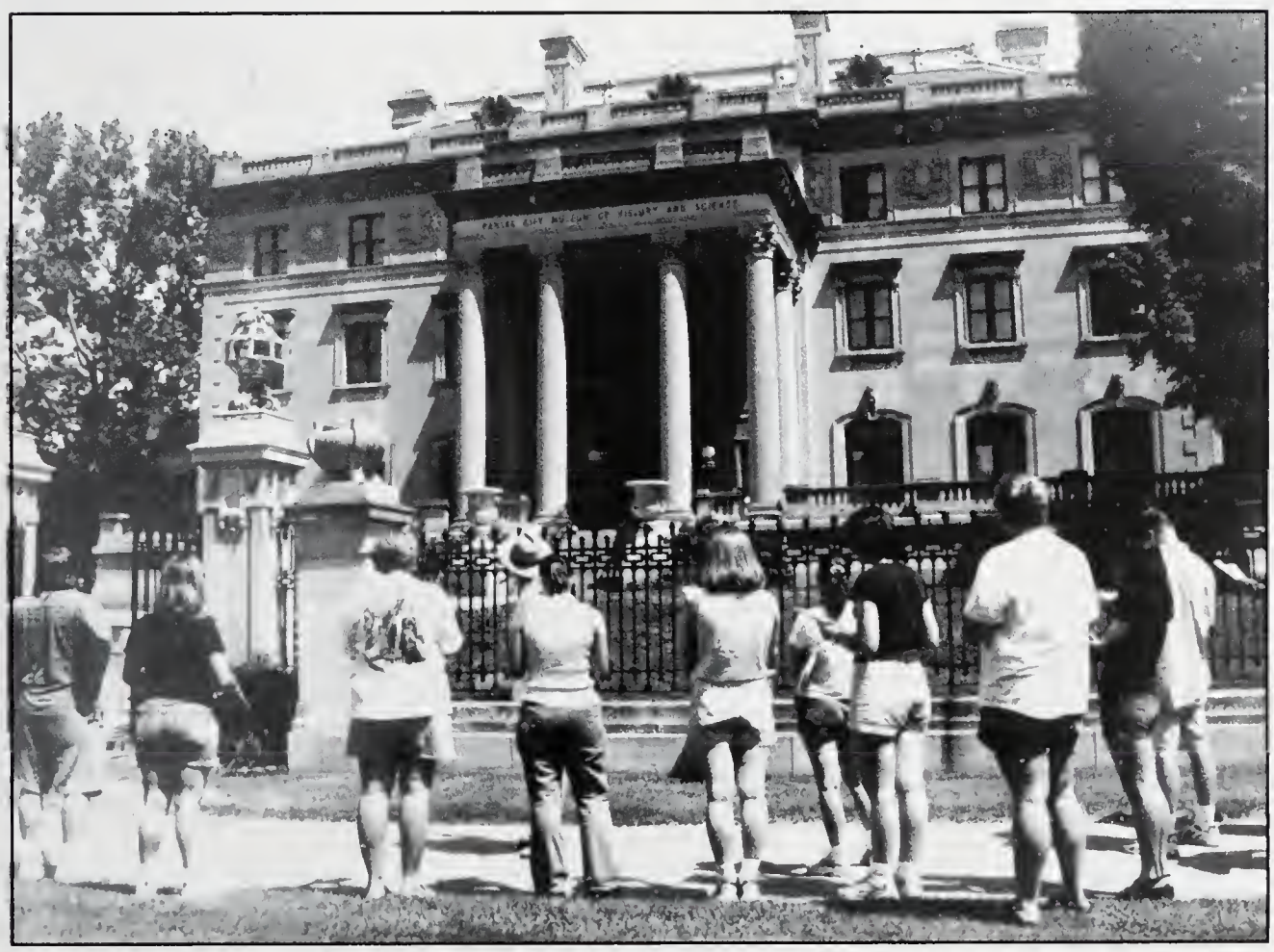

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in the midwest we are always teaching about some far away place no one has ever seen. I wanted the students to see and appreciate the interesting city that is in their backyard."

"I will only be in Kansas City for the next couple of years so I am glad I got to learn so much about it now," Brandon Cottrell (page 38) said.

This course has expanded from a three person enrollment daytime course to being offered in the weekend/evening program and across the main campus program with classrooms filling to capacity.

"This course has taken off," Mirani (below) said. "From its meager beginnings it now takes three or four of us to teach it."

Listed as a history liberal learnings, this course has remained popular for more reasons. "We are suggested to take this course as education majors," Pam Barker said. "It will make it easier plan field trips and teach my students about the city they are from."

The class visited places such as the Kansas City Museum of History and Science (bottom left), the Melrose United Methodist Church (left) and the John F. Kennedy Memorial (right). Many locals were also eager to help with the learning process including Rita Nell (below) who was glad to tell the class about her life in northeast Kansas City.

Mirani says he thinks the classes have been a success. "I can't get to every student because many people can never see the trees for the woods." Mirani said. "But my justification is the skills the students learn are transferable to any city. And if you can navigate Kansas City you can navigate any city."

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CERAMICS

Putting on the finishing touches

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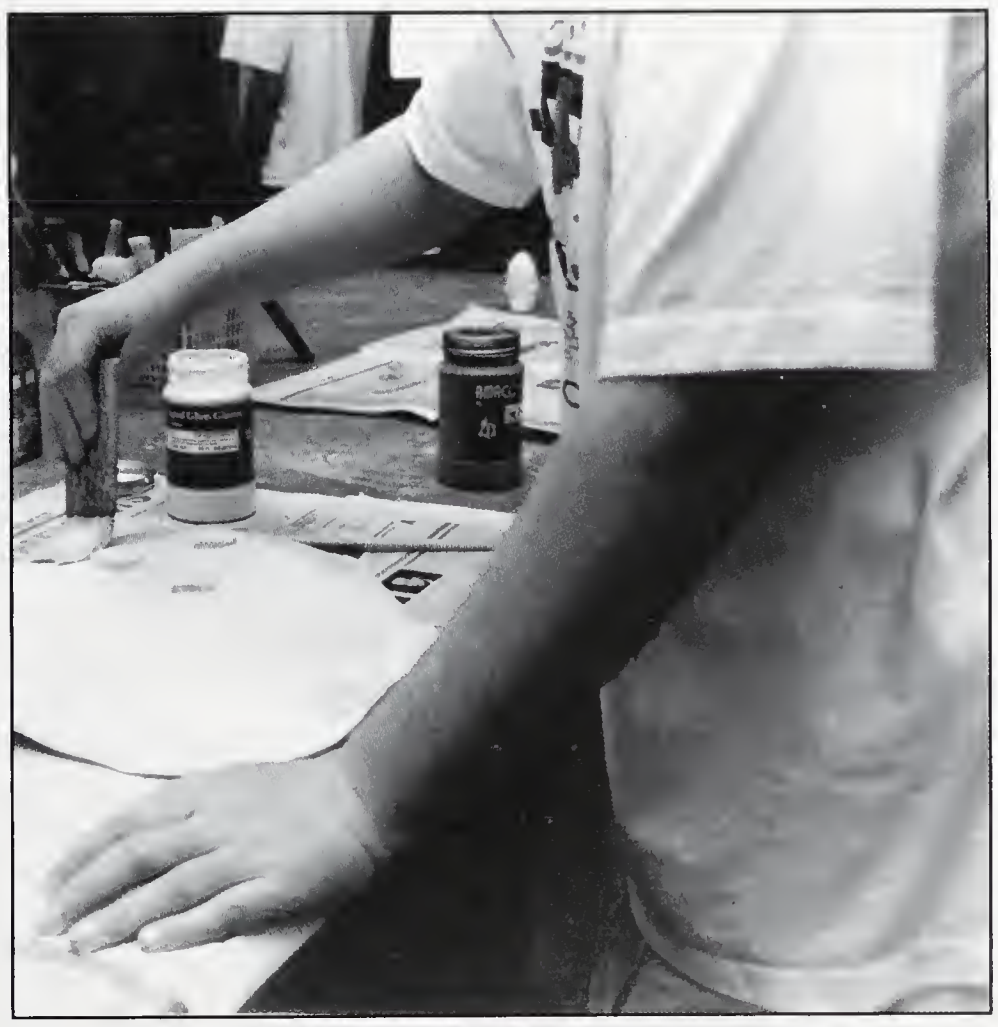

The Ceramics III and IV classes put the finishing touches to their works of art last spring. Past the wheel, much more work is left to do including serious concentration during large and small detail painting. Damion Blake (top) finishes his masterpiece.

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"You Can't Take it With You" hits the stage

The extended cast of "You Can't Take it With You" was a cluster of veteran actors and first-timers (below). They went through dress rehearsal, anticipated the curtain rising, and felt their hearts rise in their throats as the Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman classic hit the stage Oct. 20-21 and Oct. 27-28, 2000.

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"You Can't Take it With You" confronts the universal issue of lovers and their very different families. An American comedy, this play won the Pulitzer Prize in 1936.

Martin Vanderhof, aka Grandpa (Brad Baska), is the head of the first household, which consists of Alice Sycamore (Samantha Wade); his two daughters Penelope Sycamore (Wendy Engle, below) and Essie Sycamore (Liz Cooper); the daughters' husbands Paul Sycamore (Moises Mendoza, below) and Ed Carmichael (Justin Kuder, far left). Mr. DePinna is (Neville Wright, below) Mr. Sycamore's assistant and Rheba (Schelli Toliver) the housekeeper and her boyfriend Donald (Mario Munoz).

The other household involved is the Kirby's. The Kirby household consists of Mr. Kirby (Damion Blake), Mrs. Kirby (Laura Mooney) his wife and Tony Kirby (Brett Buffman) their son.

The remaining members of the cast are potpourri of characters, who pop in and out throughout the three acts.

Mendoza, one of the newcomers, made his acting debut, as the firework-producing father. "I had a blast," Mendoza said. "Working with these fine actors, it went really smooth."

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The Cast

Pete Bakely
Brad Baska
Damion Blake
Brett Buffum
Elizabeth Cooper
Anne Croston
Wendy Engle
Eric Graham
Aaron Houx
Justin Kuder
Tjaden Luebcke
Moises Mendoza
Laura Mooney
Mario Munoz
Schelli Toliver
Samantha Wade
Neville Wright
Dean Zeller

Advisor: marsha morgan

'THE TENOR'

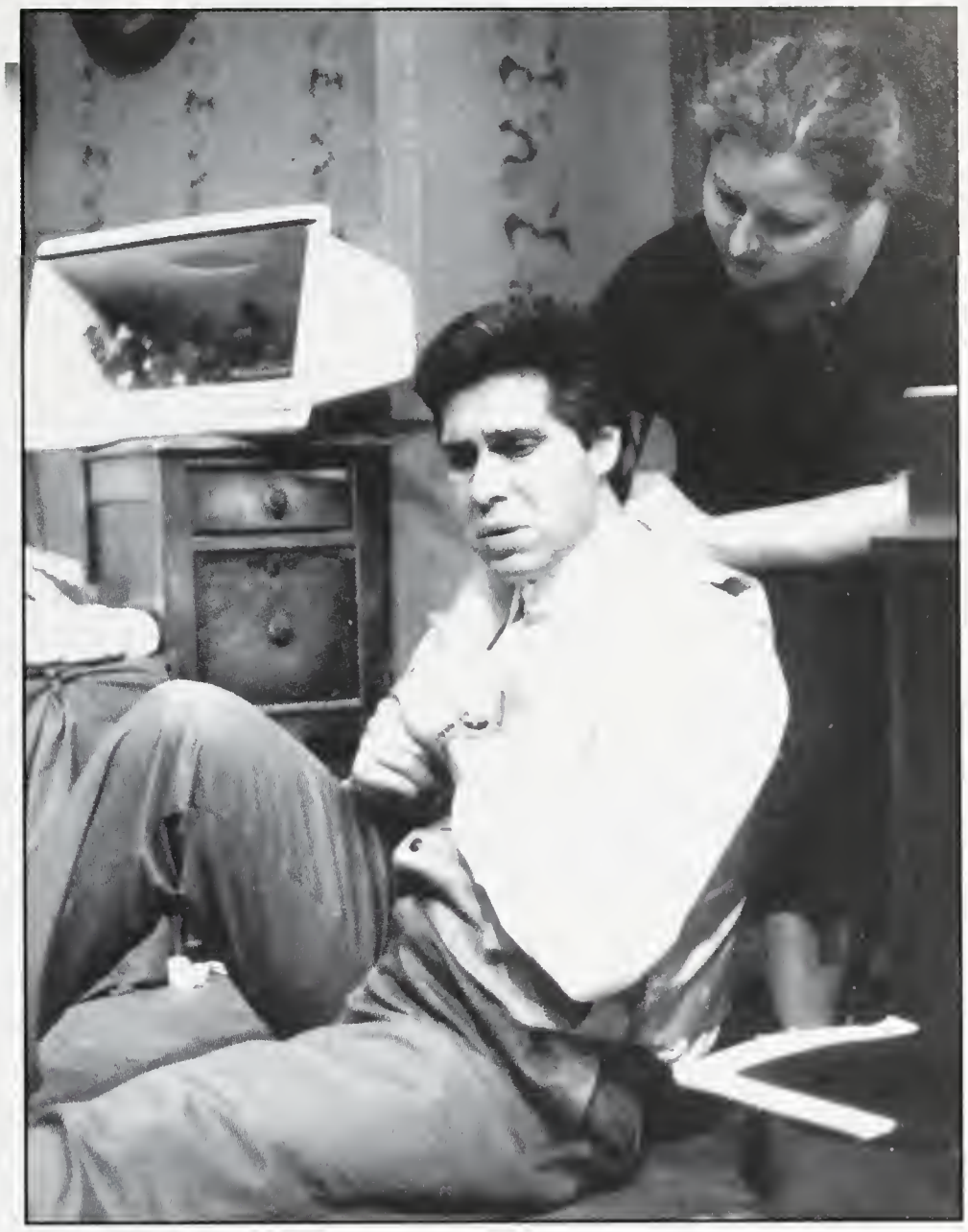
Michael Mangus guest directs

"The Tenor" by Frank Wedekind ran Dec. 7-9, 2000 with special guest director Michael Mangus. Mangus, Park University alum and former assistant director of business affairs for Park, took on the task of directing his first play.

With a sizable cast and difficult material, "The Tenor" brought together many veteran actors and newcomers. Justin Kuder played the outrageously comedic Tenor Oscar Gerardo (right). A comedy, "The Tenor" takes place across one evening as the tenor Oscar tries to get to his next gig. Running into much difficulty through a slew of characters and roadblocks, the tenor took the audience on a roller-coaster ride of laughs.

Henrietta Derrell, freshman (below), took on one of her first roles within the theatre department as the unknown woman and Muller the hotel manager.

Other veteran Park actors and actresses including Neville Wright (bottom right), Moises Mendoza (far right) and Samantha Wade (middle right) graced the Alumni Hall Studio Theatre.



The Cast

Acting Ensemble

Henrietta Derrell
Annie Croston
Justin Kuder
Mario Munoz
Samantha Wade
Neville Wright
Dean Zeller

Production Staff

Chris Jacob
Dr. Edwin Rawn
Tiago Saiben
Richard Sutton

directed by
Michael Mangus

-"Tenor" photos courtesy marsha morgan

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" stirs controversy then and now

The cast of Park University's spring play counted down the moments until the curtains were drawn to one of the most controversial plays ever produced in the Park theatre, though the controversy has cooled across the decades.

"Who's afraid of Virginia Woolf?" was rated one of the best plays on Broadway in 1962 but because of the controversial content, language, and violence the Pulitzer Prize for drama was not awarded that year.

"Because of the brutal language," Laura Mooney, senior, said, "and even the content, it was banned across the nation. I think it also scared the viewers from the shear truth that this play displays."

"Who's afraid of Virginia Woolf?", a play by Edward Albee, opened in the Alumni Theater Feb. 23, 24 and March 2, 3.

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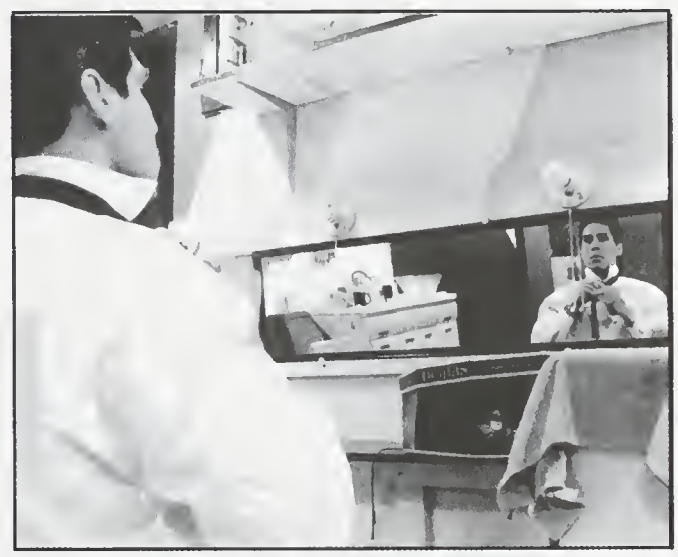
The play contains four characters: George (Neville Wright, sophomore, above), Martha (Mooney, above), Nick (Moises Mendoza, junior, left), and Honey (Tiffani Theiss, junior, left); and takes place through three acts across a late evening on a Saturday night.

The characters through a haze of alcohol and mind games torture each other throughout the dialogue. "This play shows the brain-slashing destructive way we communicate with each other," Mooney said. "I hope the audience left this play seeing the similarities between themselves and the characters and hopefully rectifying their own situations."

According to marsha m. morgan, director and associate professor of theatre, the actors did an excellent job of taking on such an ambitious play: "I am proud of the entire cast. Everyone has worked hard and this was a really difficult show. It is a benchmark of an American era that still has meaning today."



Behind the scenes

"Who's Afriad of Virginia Woolf?" by Edward Albee wasn't an easy play to produce for the cast. Running over three hours in length with only four characters, preparation was difficult.

Neville Wright (above) prepares for long monologues in the green room of Alumni Hall as "George". Tiffani Theiss and Laura Mooney (top right) do last minute touches to their appearance for the big performance. Moises Mendoza (middle right) straightens his tie in preparation for his part as "Nick". Mooney (right) puts on a little more make-up for her part as the alcoholic troubled "Martha".

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GRADUATION

presenting the class of 2001

The 2001 seniors walked down the corridors of the new Breckon Sports Center on May 12 with stars in their eyes as they received the gratification they justly deserved after years of hard work. Two hundered thirty-four students celebrated graduation and the beginning of a new chapter in their lives.

A first for Park University, the Donald J. Breckon Sports Center (left), was the hub for hundreds of family and friends to watch the class of 2001 receive their diplomas.

Zlakto Nikoloski (far left) takes time to pose with friends Levi and Luke Young as Nikoloski bids farewell to his home campus. Many family and friends were in attendance for the graduation including the visitor and his even smaller friend (bottom left).

The Park Singers performed at the annual celebration with graduates Cynthia Adams and Delana Sattrin (below).

Bernice Thompson, a chemical dependency therapist from Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Mo was the speaker for the event. Thompson also is a practicum instructor for Schools of Social Work for Washington University, University of Missouri-St. Louis, and St. Louis University. Thompson's undergraduate degree is from Park.

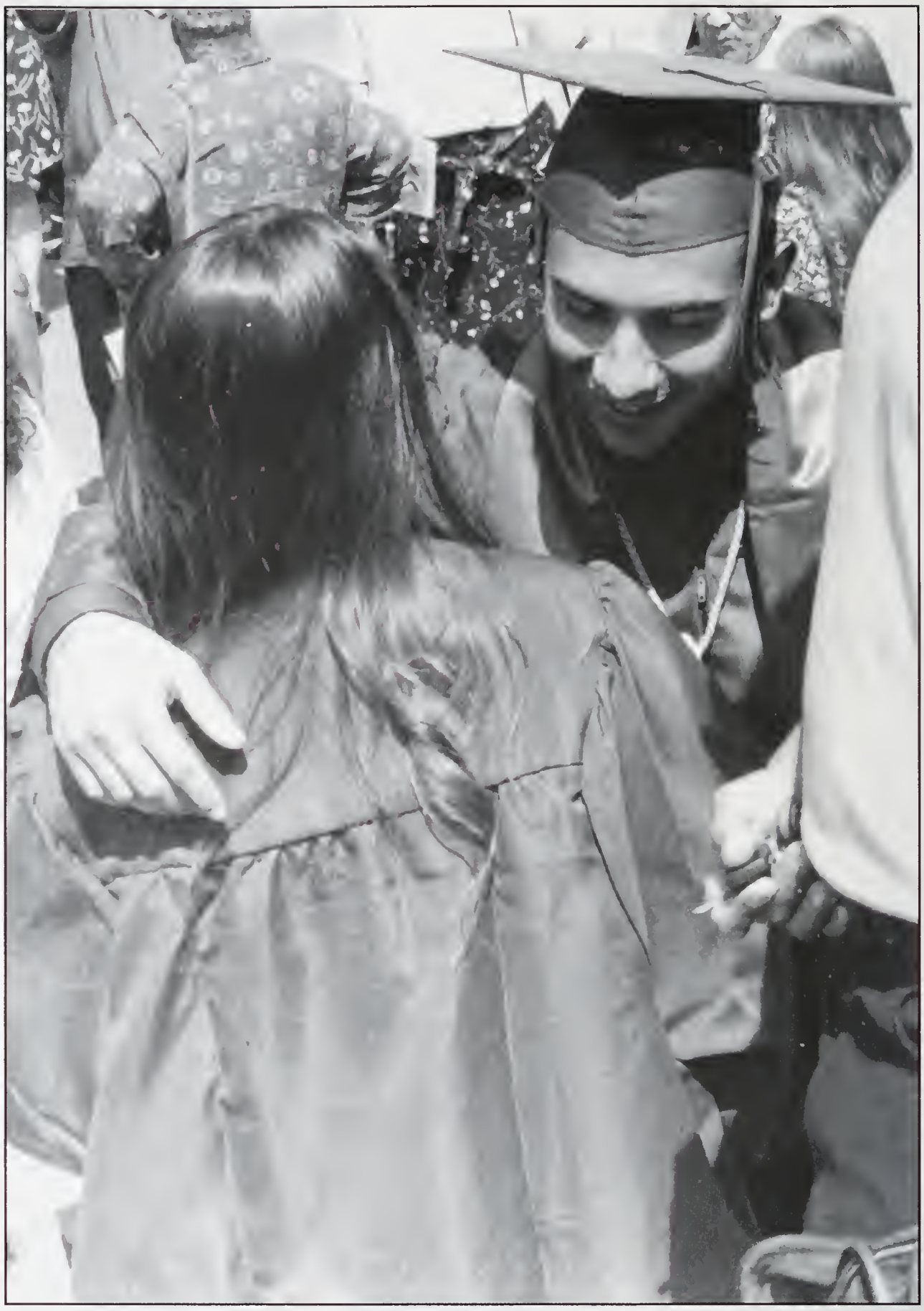
Many students took time to acknowledge and thank the members of the Park family and their own for support through the college journey. Charles Wongola (left) showed his appreciation towards Beverly Bohn, assistant professor of computer science.

Friends and family gathered together throughout the day's events to recognize the graduates including the littlest of all visitors like graduate Matt Beasily (right).

Graduation

President Donald J. Breckon (below) gave his last farewell after 14 years as president of Park University at the ceremonies.

Zlatko Nikoloski (right) gave a hug to fellow graduate while the entire class of 2001 (bottom) were instructed to give thanks to their friends and family in the audience who helped them along the way to their degree.

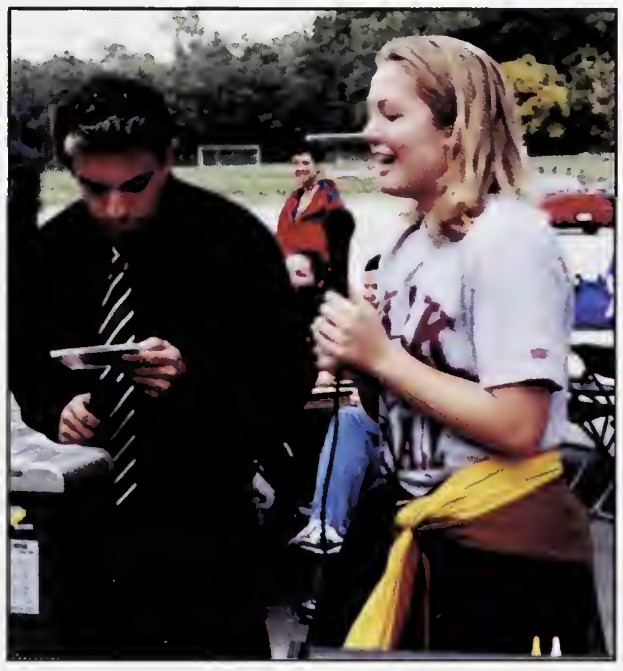


Harvest Fest

Fall 2000 hits with a bang

Harvest Fest 2000 combined old traditions with a new swing. The festivities began Oct. 10 and ended Oct. 14 with the annual semi-formal dance. Former Harvest Fest royalty gathered (left) at the week's activities. The 2000 Queen Kari Rowe stands next to Barbara Moses Schable (1956), David Hawley (1968), Nancy Rolfing Potter (1966), Carolyn McHenry Elweiss (1971), and Jennifer Adriano (1991).

King Levi Young and Rowe (bottom left) posed together as the reigning royality for 2000.The week was full of other activities including leap frog with teams such as the women's volleyball team (bottom right) and karoke with Tiffani Theiss and Zlatko Nikoloski (below right).



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Spring Fling

Week takes Park by storm

Spring Fling 2001 went as quickly as it came this year. "Swing into Spring", the theme for 2001, provided free gifts and athletic activities for all involved. From putt-putt golf to baseball games to the final dance at Tiffany Greens golf course, sports were the backbone for Spring Fling.

King Luke Young and Queen Jill Bonikowske (left) posed together as part of the annual Spring Fling ceremonial dance. Friends had an opportunity to capture the night during the dinner (below). The girls took over the hardwood during the *Cha Cha Slide* (bottom). But the party really got started when Senior Levi Young (right) tore up the dance floor.

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The dance ended the week. Senior royalty named were Bonikowske and Young. Other royalty included freshmen Lord Brad-Ford Exantus and Lady Pamela Bedzrah, sophomore Duke Tommy Payton and Duchess Janie Beniot, and junior Prince Jeff Snow and Princess Glenda Grant (bottom left).

Flowers and crowns (right) were given to the different royalty members by the Campus Activities Board.

Reagan Mackey (bottom right) shows off her stuff before walking into the Tiffany Greens Clubhouse where the dance was held.

Amber Ellis and Todd Boydston make it a night to remember slow dancing alone on the dance floor showing love was in the air for the 2001 Spring Fling season.

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HONORS CONVOCATION 2001

By Ashley Rader

Jill Bonikowski and Levi Young were named Parkites of the year on April 27, at the 2001 Honors Convocation at Park University. This award is one of the highest at Park and is only given to two students each year.

"This is truly a great campus with great people," Bonikowski said. "I have always taken every opportunity to take part in the Park family but without all the great faculty, staff, and students working along with me I never would have won this great award."

"I have just always done things the way they should be done," Young said. "I can't stand doing things just average and I have been very blessed with opportunities and abilities. This is a great honor to be chosen."

Five Park University scholarships were awarded for performance in the 2000-01 academic year. They went to Timothy McPike, Keli Richardson, Laura Mooney, Robert Bognar, and Stephanie Richardson. The Outstanding Work-Study Student of The Year was awarded to Justin Kuder.

The J.L. Zwigle Award is given to an outstanding faculty member for 2000-01and was awarded to Dr. Ronald Brecke. The Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award was granted to Dr. Brian Hoffman. Louisa Davidson Hinde/Carolyn Hinde Zarkaryan Memorial award is given to three persons who best represent the spirit of Park University. Roshanda Cayette, Zlatko Nikoloski, and Karry Schupp were chosen this year for the award.

Eight discipline honors for the social administration sciences were awarded to students who excelled in each — Accounting: Christopher Redd and Gwendolyn Burks; Business Administration: Emily Simpson and Jason Park; Criminal Justice: Adam Manchion and Cynthia Adams; Economics: Trisha Straatmann; Education: Jason Sharpsteen and Katherine King; Human Services: Wendy Engle; Political Science: Dragon Mome Stanisevski; Psychology: Kathryn Florence and Cara J. Fowler; Sociology: Steven Willsie.

Four discipline honors were awarded for the division of natural and life sciences including: Athletic Training: Mark Mann; Biology: Sarah Tew and NeQuelle Wolfgeher; Chemistry: Levi J. Young; Computer Science: Salesh Lamsal and Meheret Mellese.

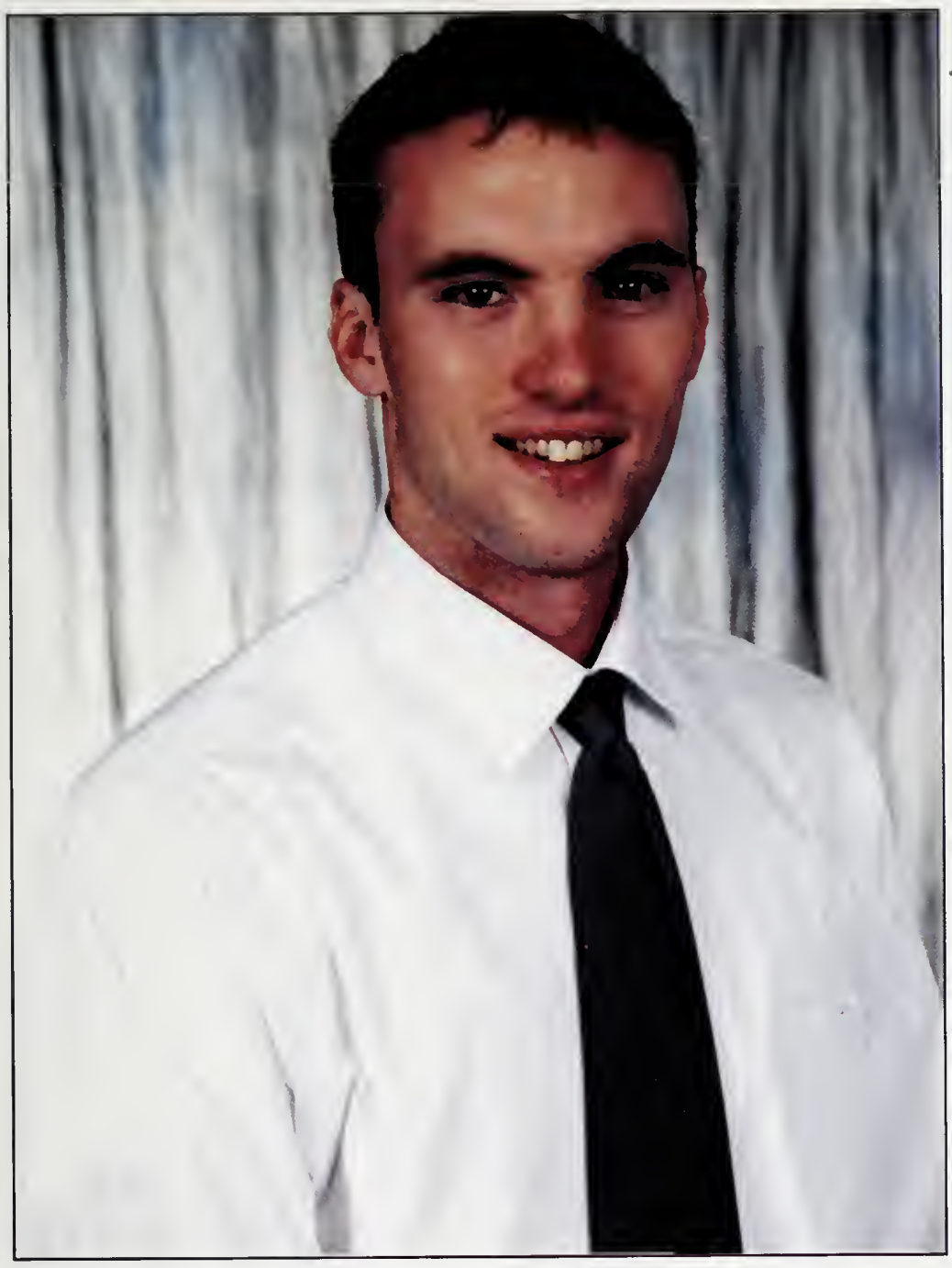
Six discipline honors were awarded in the humanities and performing arts division including: Art: Kelly Jo Brewington; Communication Arts: Tom Gialde and Carisa Sachs; English: George Vial and Kelly Jo Brewington; Graphic Design: Joseph Hullebusch and Cassandra Lynne Honeck; History: Gianluca Rossi and Kevin Whaley; Interior Design: Melanie Dorsey.

Communication Arts Awards included: KGSP MVP Excellence award: Candice May; Northland News MVP: Bruce Moultrie; The Friedman Interpersonal Communications Award: Anna Kasparian; The Cal Downs Award in Communication Theory and Human Relations: Mitzi Walker and Jason Starry; Communication Arts Oratorical Award: Linda Doubenmier, Bruce Moultrie, Tara Lindamood, Craig Scriven, and Deborah Regina Spindler; The Pica Pole Award: Matt Kelsey and Tiffani Theiss; Journalist of the Year: Sandy Bell; Golden Pen Award: Ashley Rader; Zone V Award: Jenni Visala and Jessica Walker.

The Mary Barlow Writing Award for Outstanding Student Writing was awarded to Sara Jame Hantzis and The Nicholas Manchion Award went to Charles George Vial.

The student senate gives several awards voted on by the governing body. The Park Family Award was given to Sarah Scott and Michael Hernandez. The Dusing-Proudfoot Award was given to Cami Davey. The Newcomer Award was given to Amanda Donnelly and the Toni Griggs award to Janie Benoit and Jill Bonikowske. The Tipton award went to Jody Manchion.

The Outstanding Class Members award is given to a male and female from each class. Freshman winners were Henrietta Derrell and Tiago Sajben. Sophomores were Janie Benoit and Tom Hun. Junior/Non-graduating Seniors were Sandy Bell and Justin Kuder.



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Your Narva

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Home is somewhere people care about one another. Home is somewhere inhibitions fall to the side and love, honesty, and compassion reside. Home is Park University.

Moving around as a child I never knew a place outside of my family where these qualities could exist. I didn't know people who weren't genetically bound could care as much as the people on this campus do.

This last year has been one surrounded by heartache and grief, but it has also been one filled with joy and perseverance. We have endured death, changes, controversy, and triumph but our biggest accomplishment has been our ability to live through it all and still be a family.

My advice to you is to never forget this last year. Let this book remind you of all you have endured, the friends you have made, and the bonds that should never be broken.

This book is dedicated to all the people who stuck it out and the people who left this earth too soon. So when changes come your way, and life takes the turns that it inevitably does, remember the gifts your home gave you.

I have put everything I could into showing you, Park University, who you are. I have shown your strengths along side your shortcomings.

This Narva is my heart, but Park University this is your soul.

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